



WHAT ATVs ARE USED FOR

ATVs are in widespread use on Australian farms.

Their farm use includes:

- Personal travel around the farm
- Mustering of livestock
- Supervision of working field crews
- Inspection of crops, pastures, fences, water and livestock
- Towing and carrying of goods
- Spraying of small areas of weeds
- Shifting irrigation pipes

SELECTING THE SAFE MACHINE OR VEHICLE FOR THE JOB

➤ What jobs are to be done with an ATV or MTV and under what conditions?



➤ What safety features should you look for when buying the machine?



➤ Is the mix of machines and systems on the farm going to do the farm work safely?



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To find out more information, check out our website: www.farmsafewa.org
Click on 'Safe Plant & Machine Operation' then 'All-Terrain Vehicles'

There is also a document available, produced by Farmsafe Australia "Safety of ATVs and MTVs on Australian Farms"

<http://www.farmsafe.org.au/index.php?id=26>

All-Terrain Vehicle Safety on Farms



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All-Terrain Vehicle Use

THE USE OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) IS ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF INJURY AND DEATH ON AUSTRALIAN FARMS

The most common type of ATV fatalities result from crush injury related to ATV roll-over. Injury also can occur from the rider being flung onto a hard surface, as a result of a crash.



YOU CAN MAKE YOUR FARM SAFER FOR ATV USE BY:

- Think about an alternative vehicle that could be used for the job.
- Listing what could go wrong to cause an injury or illness
- Thinking about ways of preventing it
- Doing something about it

WHY SHOULD FARMERS BE CONCERNED ABOUT ATV AND MTV SAFETY?

- Most deaths occur to ATV riders and passengers, bystanders are also at risk
- Children are at increased risk of serious injury and death, independently of body size and weight.
- ATV related deaths are associated with work as well as leisure related activities on the farm.
- The incidence of rollover in certain circumstances can cause serious injury.
- Loading of ATVs has been associated with rollover deaths.

Main areas of injury associated with death are torso, head and cervical spine.

The risks of ATV use needs to be considered by farmers themselves and also before they allow other individuals to use them.



HERE ARE SOME RULES:

1. Choose the right machine
2. Set speed limits for operation & 'no-go' zones
3. Don't overload
4. No passengers
5. No children to ride ATVs under the age of 16
6. Make sure the operator is trained
7. Keep ATVs well maintained
8. Always wear a helmet

FARMSAFE STRATEGIES

Farmsafe Australia has a national strategy to encourage safe operation of ATVs and through funding from the Department of Health and Ageing. Farmsafe WA Alliance have adopted the principles (and is funded by the Department of Health WA), in order to increase the awareness of safe ATV use.