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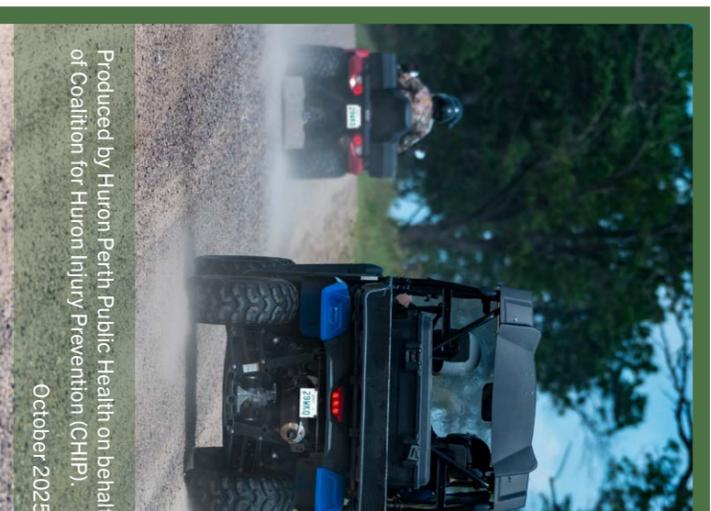
Driving any vehicle, including ORVs, while you are impaired by **alcohol, cannabis or other drugs** is illegal and dangerous.

Whether you are on the road OR on the trail, drivers caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration above the legal levels face the same consequences as those driving a car on the road:

- Roadside driver's licence suspension
- Roadside vehicle impoundment
- Fines and penalties
- Education and/or treatment programs
- Ignition Interlock

Novice or Young Drivers (age 21 and under)

If caught with any amount of alcohol or the presence of cannabis in their system, face an **immediate** driver's licence suspension.



What is an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV)?

There are **6 types** of off-road vehicles (ORVs) that are permitted to travel on certain roads in Ontario.

1. Single rider All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
2. Two-Up All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
3. Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle (ROV)
4. Utility-Terrain Vehicle (UTV)
5. Off-Road Motorcycle (ORM)
6. Extreme Terrain Vehicle (XTV)

✘ **Golf carts** are not classified as ORVs and are not permitted for use on roads in Huron County.



Rules of the Road Stop for Police

Operator & Passenger Age Restrictions

On Road	Under 8	8+ and can reach footrests*	16+ and G2 or M2 license
Passenger	No	Yes	Yes
Operator	No	No	Yes

*Footrests on a two-up ATV
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Farmers, Farm Employees and Agricultural Purposes

Same

All required paperwork, equipment as well as operator and passenger age and licencing restrictions are the same for farmers and farm employees using an ORV for agricultural purposes.



Different:

Farmers and farm employees using an ORV on-road for agricultural purposes may use all roads in Huron County.

Different:

Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) sign must be on the rear of the ORV, or on the rear of a towed implement or trailer.

Different:

ORV must not exceed **40 km/h** [HTA, S. 76].

ORVs On-Road Huron County



Protect the Sport – Ride Respectfully



✓ Minimize Noise

Keep your vehicle properly tuned; do not rev your engine unnecessarily.



✓ Stay on the Road / Shoulder

Do not ride on sidewalks. Do not enter parks or cemeteries.



✓ Respect the Rights of Others

Never cross private or municipal land without permission.

Required Paperwork



✓ Registration Permit



✓ Insurance (under motor vehicle liability policy)



✓ Licence Plate



✓ Driver's Licence

Required Equipment

✓ Motorcycle helmet

Operators and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet **securely fastened under the chin** on every type of ORV.

✓ Lights

Must be on when ORV is used on-road.

✓ Seating

Original manufacturer seating only. A single-rider ATV that has been modified to carry a passenger by installing an after-market seat and footrest is **not** considered a two-up ATV and is illegal to transport passengers on the road.

✓ Seatbelts and footrests

Where seatbelts are provided by the manufacturer, they must be used. Passengers on two-up ATVs must be aged 8 or over and be able to reach the footrests.

Give Space; Pass Safe

When operating an ORV on a rural road at a speed of 50 km/h, you may need to pass people walking, cycling or using a horse and buggy.

Do not pass on the shoulder. Passing on the shoulder is illegal and dangerous.

✓ Wait until safe to pass on the left

Reduce your speed and follow at a safe distance until sightlines and traffic allow you to safely pass slower road users. Use proper signals to indicate your intention to change lanes.

✓ Give as much space as practical

Minimum one metre is the law for passing a cyclist; however more space is courteous. When encountering people using a horse and buggy, passing too closely could scare the horse, causing it to change direction suddenly on the roadway.

Operating Your ORV

✓ Must be driven in **same direction** as traffic

✓ Must be driven on the **shoulder of the road**, when available

- If shoulder is unsafe, impassable or not wide enough so all tires can be completely on the shoulder, then the travelled portion of the road may be used.



Speed limits for ORVs

If posted speed limit is 50 km/h or less then **maximum speed is 20 km/h**.

If posted speed limit is more than 50 km/h then **maximum speed is 50 km/h**.

Road Allowances within Huron County

Current as of September 2025. Check with the municipality for up-to-date information.

JURISDICTION	ORV USE	CAN I RIDE IN TOWN? and WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Bylaw No. 54-2015	✓	ORVs are permitted for use on all township road allowances.
Bluewater Bylaw No. 121-2024	✓	Permitted in town to depart or return from inside/outside to their residence and/or at a service station refuel. No person shall operate an ORV within the Municipality between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day.
Central Huron Bylaw No. 47-2008	✓	ORVs permitted in town to return to your home or if stopping at an eating establishment or service station. Note on map roads where ORVs are not permitted. ORVs for non-ag purposes permitted from May 1 st –October 31 st .
Goderich	✘	ORVs are not permitted for non-agricultural purposes on municipal (or county) roads.
Howick Bylaw No. 29-2019	✓	ORVs permitted to operate in town from 6 a.m.–10 p.m.
Huron East Bylaw No. 50-2022	✓	ORVs permitted in town to depart or return from home, refuel or stop for meal/refreshment. ORVs shall not operate on roads between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day.
Morris-Turnberry <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> /O. Reg. 8/03	✓	ORVs are permitted to use the roads as per <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> /O. Reg 8/03.
North Huron Bylaw No. 56-2020	✓	ORVs permitted in town to depart or return from home, refuel or stop for meal/refreshment. Prohibited streets: Within Wingham, ORV use is prohibited on specific sections of streets around the childcare centre (William St.), hospital and school zones. Please refer to Schedule "A" to By-law No. 56-2020, North Huron for full details.
South Huron Bylaw No. 55-2004	✓	ORV use permitted in town between 6 a.m.–10 p.m.
County Roads Bylaw No. 2019-066	✘ ✓	ORVs are not permitted for non-agricultural purposes on County Roads. Exemption: ORVs are permitted for non-agricultural purposes on County Road 28 between Gough Road and County Road 87 within the Township of Howick.
Provincial Roads <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> /O. Reg. 316/03, Sched. B	✘ ✓	ORV use is permitted on some sections of provincial roads: Hwy 4 (Kippen to Clinton), Hwy 8 (Mitchell to Seaforth and Seaforth to Clinton), Hwy 23 (ON-7 to Mitchell) includes portion within South Huron and Hwy 9 (Clifford to Walkerton) includes portion within Howick.

* "in-town" refers to any settlement area in the municipality including towns, villages and hamlets.