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ATVs

Does an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) require a vehicle registration?

An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is any self-propelled vehicle that is manufactured for use on off-highway trails. These vehicles are less than 70 inches wide and weigh less than 1,000 pounds. You must register an ATV to drive the vehicle on public property or private property in NYS. An ATV that is only used for agricultural purposes or not-for-hire snow removal on private property does not require a registration. A registration for an ATV that was issued in another state to a resident of that state is valid in NYS.

Do I need insurance coverage for my ATV?

Insurance coverage is required unless you drive the ATV on your private property only. You must show your proof of insurance to a judge, a police officer, or any person who makes a claim of injury or property damage.

Do I need a driver license to drive an ATV?

You do not need a driver license to drive an ATV, but restrictions apply to ATV drivers under the age of 16:

Children 10 to 15 years of age can drive an ATV only:

- with adult supervision, or
- without adult supervision on property where their parent or guardian is the owner or tenant, or
- without adult supervision on property where ATV use is permitted **and** the child completed an ATV safety-training course approved by the DMV. (Carry your course certificate with you when you drive.)

Children under the age of 10 may drive an ATV only:

- with adult supervision, or
- without adult supervision on property where their parent or guardian is the owner or tenant.

New York State Parks Rules and Regulations prohibits the use of all-terrain vehicles on bicycle paths and all state property adjacent to all N.Y.S. Parkways.