

Why ATV Safety

If you are registered with the WorkSafeBC or pay workers as part of your farm operation, your workplace falls under the requirements of the *Workers Compensation Act* (WCA) and the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* (OHSR). Taking the training and following the recommendations of this program will help you meet the current requirements of the WCA and OHSR.

In recent years, ATV-related deaths and serious injuries have shaken many BC communities. Some have involved the use of ATVs as workplace equipment in forestry, agriculture, and other industries. Others have taken place during recreational activities. Many have involved young people and children. In most cases, these deaths and injuries could have been prevented by better training, safer procedures, or more careful equipment maintenance.

ATV Safety Awareness training program is useful for every worker, employer, supervisor in agricultural operation in BC that uses or is considering using, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV).

ATV Safety Awareness Training Program

- Four hours, including stretch breaks.
- Enough time for full participation during in-class exercises.
- No more than eight participants in one course.
- Provides high quality course material.
- Instructors, with full understanding and experience in teaching this program.



Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association

FARSHA has worked to make employers and workers aware of safety and health hazards, and to help them follow British Columbia's WorkSafeBC requirements.

FARSHA staff and Regional Safety Consultants are available to deliver health and safety training to farm employers and workers anywhere in British Columbia. These courses vary from a few hours to a full day or more, depending on the topic. Almost all are free of charge. They can be held at your farm or at a community site. Some of these courses are also available in other languages besides English.

For more information on implementing an ATV Safety Awareness training program, please contact the Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association.

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ATV Safety in Agricultural Work



All Terrain Vehicle

Due Diligence

- Meaning:
Taking all reasonable care to protect the well-being of employees or co-workers while at work.
- To meet standards of due diligence you must:
Take all precautions that are reasonable in the circumstances to prevent injuries or accidents in the workplace, so that you can carry out your work and your health and safety responsibility.
- To exercise due diligence an employer must:
Implement a plan to identify possible workplace hazards and carry out the appropriate corrective action to prevent accidents or injuries arising from these hazards.

The ATV Safety Awareness training program will enable employers to meet their responsibility of due diligence.

BC Requirements to operate an ATV

Currently in British Columbia, there are two distinct areas of responsibility that apply to ATV use.

- a) Involves licensing, and where the ATV can be operated (the Motor Vehicle Act, Highway Act).
- b) Involves the use of the ATV as work-related equipment (requirements of the *Workers Compensation Act* and *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation* - Part 16 Mobile Equipment).

ATV Safety Awareness Training Program

GOAL

Bring together the most reliable information on ATV safety, and make it applicable to the special situations in BC agricultural operations.

TOPICS

- Recent ATV-related incidents in BC
- Legal requirements for ATV use in BC
- Legal and moral responsibilities of ATV owners in agriculture
- Characteristics of the ATV
- Protective gear
- Pre and post-ride inspection
- Emergency preparedness
- Working alone
- Operating tips
- Going up and down hill
- Traversing
- Driving over obstacles
- Going around curves
- Parking the ATV
- Carrying loads on the ATV
- Loading and unloading (using a ramp).

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the program each participant will be able to:

- understand legal requirements for ATV operation in BC agriculture.
- explain the special characteristics of ATVs, and their effect on safety operation.
- list the protective gear for an ATV operator.
- perform a pre-ride and post-ride inspection of the ATV.
- explain safe operating tips for a variety of common situations.

Upon completion the Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association will provide a certificate of participation.