

# Farm & Ranch ATV SAFETY



## General ATV Safety

- ATVs have operator age limitations—**OBSERVE THEM.**
- Keep an ATV well-maintained and do a safety inspection **each** time it is used.
- Use protective gear—a motorcycle helmet and a pair of glasses, goggles or face shield, all of which will help reduce the risk of injury as well as keep dust and debris out of your eyes.
- Fit the ATV to the job—bigger and faster is not always better. A smaller machine is easier to move by hand if necessary (e.g. if you become stuck or flip the ATV).
- Always lean your body uphill to prevent tipping and flipping. Don't be afraid to stand up and really lean into the hill.
- Be **extra** careful if you have a load on the front or the back of the machine.
- Before dismounting stop ATV completely (preferably on a level surface), set brake, and shift into park.
- Even if you know your property well, keep an eye out for new environmental hazards like rocks, logs, sinkholes, ice patches, etc.
- Get hands-on training from a Licensed ATV Safety Institute Trainer ([www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)).