

Motorbikes, ATVs on beaches and in parks:

What you should know

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Summer is the season for off road motorbikes and ATVs. Those who enjoy motor-sports know riding off road motorbikes and ATVs can be great fun. Unfortunately these vehicles are all too often treated like toys when taken to beaches or parks, where they are given to children to ride illegally and dangerously.

Safekids strongly urges parents who want their children to learn to ride motorised vehicles to join a club and get expert advice. Here's some more important information:



- Anyone riding a motorbike or ATV on a road *must* have a driver's licence, a helmet, and these vehicles must have a current registration.
- The definition of a 'road' includes the beach and anywhere the public might access, whether by right or not. This includes parks, reserves, Department of Conservation land, camping grounds, river-beds and road-sides.
- ATVs are defined in law as vehicles designed for off road use, with three or more wheels, an engine capacity exceeding 50 ml and a gross weight of less than 1,00 kilograms.

For more information, visit:

www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/page/ATV