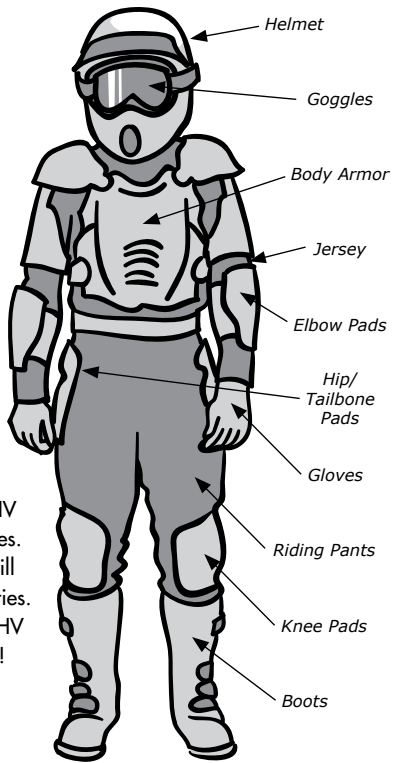


3. ATV Safety and Training

3.1 Personal Safety Equipment

The first step is to have the right equipment – for you, not just your ATV. Shown here are examples of proper equipment for a Class I and III ATV rider:

Riding an ATV can result in injuries. This equipment will not prevent all injuries. You operate an ATV at your own risk!



Operating an OHV can result in injuries. This equipment will not prevent all injuries. You operate an OHV at your own risk!

3.2 Class I ATV (Quads, 3-wheelers)

SAFETY TRAINING

There are currently two types of training available to quad riders: online and hands-on.

Online (Required for youth now, all by 2014)

The ATV Safety Education Card is a phased-in requirement for everyone who operates a Class I ATV on Oregon's public lands. (See page 6 for phases.) Passing the online ATV Safety Education Course is the only way to receive Oregon's ATV Safety Education Card (or "Operator Permit"). The course provides safety tips for riding in Oregon's dunes, desert and forests, as well as training on trail etiquette, riding ethics and environmental concerns. For riders with no internet services or access to a public library, call 877-7SAFELY (877-772-3359) to request a Hardship Request Form.

Hands-On (Required for youth in 2012)

Hands-on training is the best way to learn how to safely ride ATVs. Although it is not required for adults, it will be required for all youth under age 16 beginning January 1, 2012.

Free manufacturer hands-on training may come with the purchase of a new Class I ATV.

The ATV Safety Institute (ASI), 800-887-2887, can check a vehicle's VIN to see if it qualifies.

The ATV RiderCourseSM is an approved hands-on training course in Oregon. ASI developed the training as a public service to provide a hands-on skills course for safely operating Class I ATVs. The ATV RiderCourseSM is a 4- to 5-hour hands-on learning experience, emphasizing safety. The course covers protective gear, environmental concerns, Oregon laws, and techniques to safely operate a Class I ATV. The training covers pre-ride inspections, starting and stopping, turning (gradual and quick), hills (stopping and traversing), emergency stopping and swerving and riding over obstacles.

OPRD currently subsidizes \$45 of the training cost for youth under 16 for both Class I and Class III. When calling to reserve training, mention you live in Oregon to receive this subsidy.

3.3 Class II ATV (Jeeps, Sand Rails, SUVs, Side x Sides, etc.)

SAFETY TRAINING

Aside from a valid driver's license, there currently are no Oregon training requirements for Class II vehicles. However, there are several opportunities to learn the basics of Class II ATV operation. Each Class II ATV has different inherent safety and operation requirements. Below is a list of places offering training:

4x4 off-road riding

- Many 4x4 clubs provide "4x4ing 101" trainings. Please contact a local club for availability.
- Many manufacturers also have courses, including Jeep 101, Landrover "Wheels" and other basics.

Sand rails

- Sand rails operate differently than an SUV or other 4x4 vehicle. Many sand rail clubs offer basic instruction for riding a sand rail in the dunes. Contact a local club for availability.

Side-by-Sides

- Side-by-Sides are a new and increasingly popular ATV. The ATV Safety Institute has recently added side-by-side hands-on training in their ATV RiderCourseSM. They can be contacted at 800-887-2887.

3.4 Class III ATV (Motorcycles)

SAFETY TRAINING

Like quads, there are two types of training available to off-road motorcycle riders: online and hands-on.

Online (Required for youth now, all by 2014)

The online ATV Safety Education Course is the only way to receive Oregon's ATV Safety Education Card (or "Operator Permit"). The course provides safety tips for riding in Oregon's dunes, desert and forests, as well as training on trail etiquette, riding ethics and environmental concerns.

For riders with no internet services or access to a public library, call 877-7SAFELY (877-772-3359) to request a Hardship Request Form.

The ATV Safety Education Card is a phased-in requirement for everyone riding a Class III ATV on Oregon's public lands. (See page 7 for phases.)

Hands-On (Required for youth in 2012)

A Class III ATV requires more balance and hand-eye coordination than other ATVs. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) DirtBike SchoolSM is an approved hands-on training course in Oregon. MSF training ensures users have the basic skills to operate dirt bikes. To sign up, call 1-866-260-1783, or go to www.dirtbikeschool.com

The MSF DirtBike SchoolSM begins with the basics, such as locating and operating the controls and straight-line riding, and progress to riding in circles, making sharp turns and negotiating hills. In addition to learning new skills, students discuss responsible riding practices, including riding at your level and environmental awareness, and Oregon laws. At the end of the day, students should have a solid understanding of the techniques to stay safe, act responsibly and, most important, have fun.

OPRD currently subsidizes \$45 of the training cost for youth under 16 for both Class I and Class III. When calling to reserve training, mention you live in Oregon to receive this subsidy.



A demonstration of sound testing an off-road motorcycle. For this test to be valid, the operator must be sitting on the OHV.