

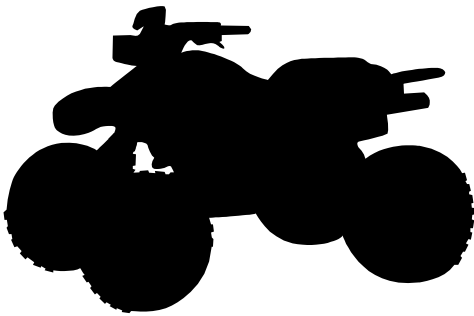
# ATVs - Be informed!

## Can your child safely perform farm work on an ATV?

### ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Make sure:

- All safety features are in place
- Engine size is appropriate for child
- ATV is in good working order
- Child does not operate ATV after dark or in bad weather
- Child does NOT operate three-wheeled ATV
- Work area has no hazards
- Child knows safe route to work site
- Child can communicate with adult by cellular phone, walkie-talkie or other method
- Child wears DOT approved (or equivalent) helmet with eye protection
- Child wears long sleeved shirt and long pants



### CAN YOUR CHILD DO THE JOB?

1. Can the child reach and operate all controls while comfortably seated?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children who can't reach the controls are more likely to be injured.

2. Is the child strong enough to operate the controls without straining?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Straining to operate the controls could cause injury.

3. Does the child have good peripheral vision? For example, while looking straight ahead, can the child see your finger entering his or her field of vision at shoulder level?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children with limited vision may not see people or obstacles in the work area.

4. Can the child use hands and feet at the same time? For example, can the child run and dribble a basketball?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children who lack coordination may not be able to safely drive an ATV.

5. Can the child understand and repeat from memory a 5-step process?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children who can't remember the steps to a job are more likely to be injured.

6. Can the child recognize a hazard and solve the problem without getting upset?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children must be able to recognize hazards, think about how to respond, and stay calm to prevent injury.

7. Can the child react quickly?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

8. Does the child do things that seem dangerous for the thrill of it?

Yes. **STOP!** Children who take risks or behave dangerously are more likely to be injured.

No.

9. Is your child responsible? Do you trust your child to do what's expected without anyone checking?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Irresponsible behavior can lead to injury.

10. Does the child usually go with his or her "gut" feeling without thinking too much about what could happen next?

Yes. **STOP!** Child who act on impulse are more likely to be injured.

No.

11. Has an adult demonstrated farm work with an ATV on site?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

12. Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

Yes.

No. **CAUTION!** An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

13. Is an adult available to supervise?

Yes.

No. **STOP!** The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

## REMEMBER!!!



*Approved helmet with eye protection*



*Non-skid shoes*



*Leather gloves*

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