



FARM SAFETY CHECK

ATV SAFETY CHECKLIST

ATVs (All-Terrain Vehicles) can be great tools for farm tasks like transportation, spraying, hauling, and more. While ATVs are incredibly useful, they can be unstable because of their high center of gravity. Meaning, they can tip easily, throw riders off, or even roll over on top of riders. On farms, ATV crashes are the second most common cause of injuries or deaths. By following proper safety measures, you can greatly reduce the risk of getting injured or worse while using ATVs.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Add any additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference, and inspections. You can download additional copies of this form at: <http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

Potential Hazard OR Checklist Items	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Have workers had training and certification in ATV operation? This should include: how to safely operate an ATV, choose the right protective gear, interact responsibly with the environment, and learn local ATV laws and regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do all workers wear highly visible, reflective clothing? Are ATVs equipped with reflectors, lights, or visible flags?			
Do all workers use protective gear like non-skid shoes, gloves, and well-fitting helmets? Goggles and full-face shields are recommended at speeds over 10 mph.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do all workers know the ATV's weight limits? This means the driver should ride alone, towed loads should be less than the combined weight of the ATV and rider, and the rear rack should carry less than one-third of the ATV's weight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do ATVs have crush protection devices? These help prevent continuous rollovers and divert the ATV away from the rider.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are 12- to 16-year-olds driving ATVs 90cc or smaller, under adult supervision, and able to comfortably operate the controls? Even if they meet the age recommendation, not all youth have the strength or judgment for safe ATV use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are ATVs regularly maintained, and do riders perform pre-use checks? Ensure footpegs, footplates, wheels, and bolts are tight, tires have even pressure, lines and cables are intact, and lights and brakes are working.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do all workers and riders know what to do in case of an ATV crash, collision, rollover or breakdown?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ____/____/____



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Off-Road Ready: ATV/UTV Safety for Every Ride

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

<https://umash.umn.edu/off-road-ready-atv-utv-safety-for-every-ride/>

ATV Safety Video: What's the Big Deal?

Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q43E4lQdBQ&t=75s>

All-Terrain Vehicle Hazards during Farm Work

OSHA

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3758.pdf>

The Safe Use of ATVs in Agriculture

PennState Extension

<https://extension.psu.edu/the-safe-use-of-atvs-in-agriculture>

Youth ATV/UTV Safety

Cultivate Safety.org

<https://cultivatesafety.org/campaigns/atvs/>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety. This is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and this list is not an endorsement of any products mentioned.