



USE OF ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES – ATV

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Contact: Club Captains, Gear Steward
Audience: Patrol members, IRB drivers/ crew, coaches, trainers & trainees
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Who can drive the ATV?

All ATV drivers must be at least 17 years old and:

- Hold a current and proficient driver's license (provisional or open, not learner)
- Be a financial surf lifesaving member
- Have been inducted in the operation of the specific ATV (generally by Patrol/ Vice Captain, who will have been inducted by Club Captain)

Who can ride as a passenger?

- Seating capacity = 1 driver and 1 passenger
- Passenger must be able to sit with back against seat, feet flat on floor, hands on handholds

ATV uses

- Transporting gear and equipment for lifesaving and related purposes e.g. patrols, training, carnivals, including towing IRB, patrol shelter and jet ski
- During patrol for roving patrols and/ or for a rapid response outside flag area
- Transporting patients only rarely, e.g. if considered by Patrol Captain/ paramedic to be safe and the most appropriate method for transport

What equipment should always be in the on-duty ATV?

- Rescue board, tube + fins
- Radio (Channel 2)
- Whistle (keep attached)
- Loud hailer/ siren

<p>Remember this! Foster a positive public image Protect the coastal environment Consider other beach users</p>
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Driving and riding in the ATV

Driver and passenger:

- Fasten seatbelts and nets
- Stay completely inside ATV always
- Don't consume alcohol or drugs before

Driver:

- Always drive with care and within skills, in LOW GEAR only.
- Avoid abrupt and unsafe manoeuvres. No donuts.
- Minimise speed at any opportunity - **20km/hr max under normal conditions, 5km/hr max between flags and in heavily population areas**
- Check headlights and flashing lights are on
- Protect the environment

How do we look after the ATV?

After each patrol or use:

- Wash down with fresh water including all metal parts and under carriage
- Clean up any spills inside ATV
- Check enough fuel is left in ATV and in container (yellow)
- Refuel if needed - well ventilated outdoors – not near flames, cigarette, phone, radio, members of the public
- Plug into charger

When there's a fault or damage or accident involving ATV

- Enter details into Patrol log (fault/ damage), Incident log (accident)
- Notify Gear Steward/ Club Captain, on the same day
- Do not use ATV until repaired, if could be unsafe

Monthly – after last patrol of month:

Check & top up:

- Oil and fuel (as above)
- Coolant/ radiator
- Tyres (5psi)