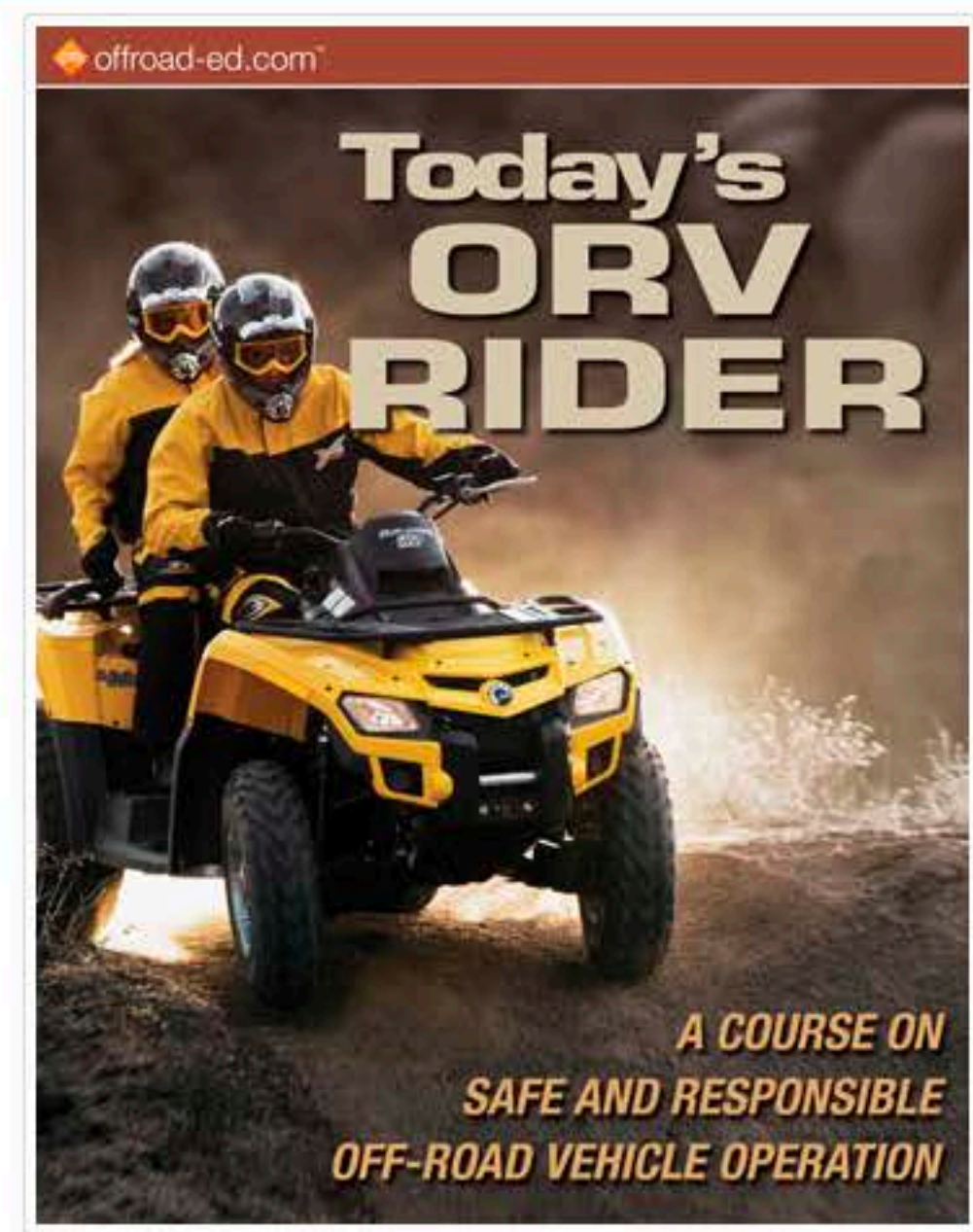


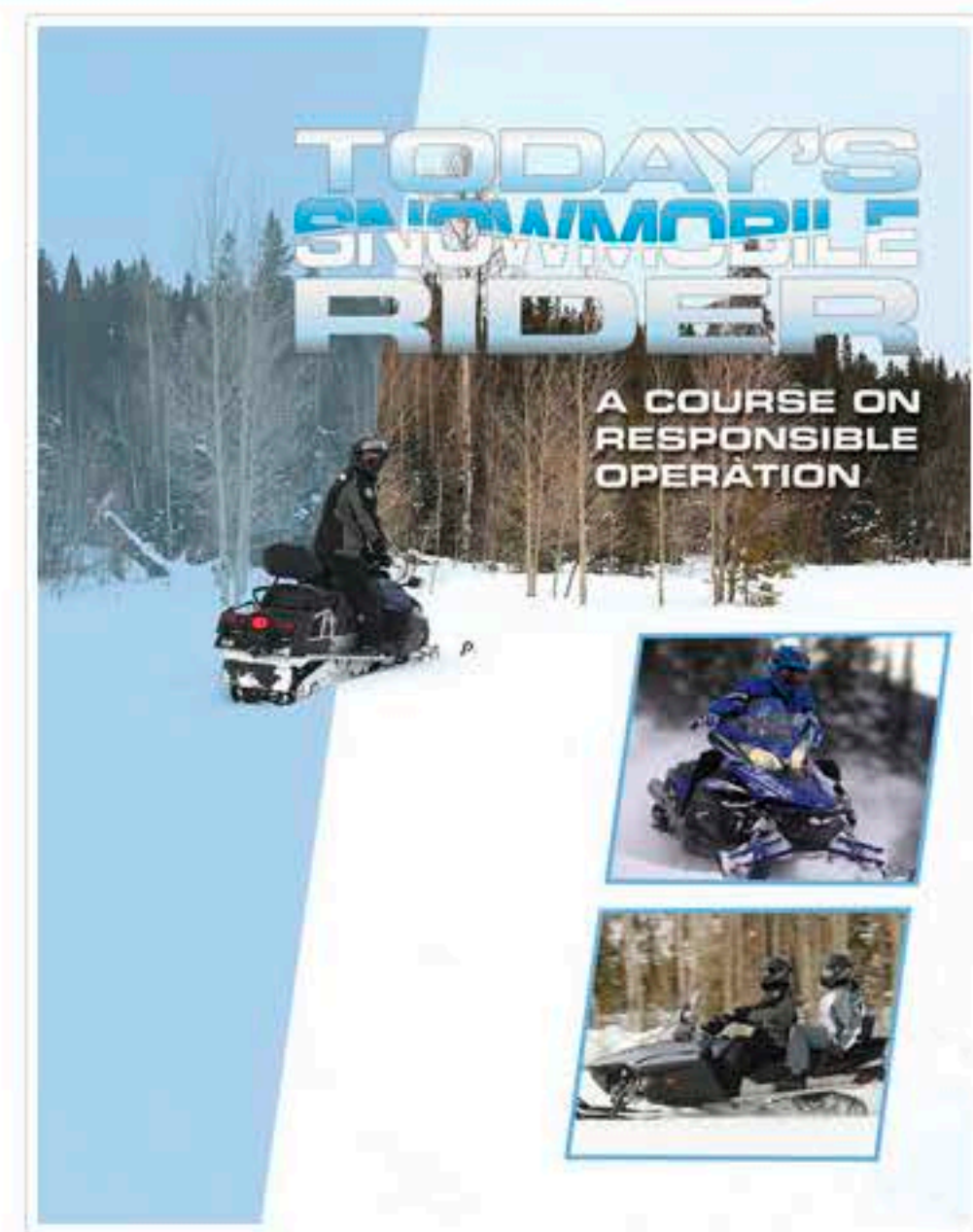
OHRV/Snowmobile Basics Instruction

This online OHRV/Snowmobile course was developed by Offroad Ed specifically for the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game to provide approved, Internet-based OHRV and snowmobile safety education for operators in New Hampshire.

This official training program will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to be a safe and responsible rider in New Hampshire.



Offroad Ed is the only safety course provider that develops print materials on behalf of state government agencies responsible for OHRV laws and regulations.

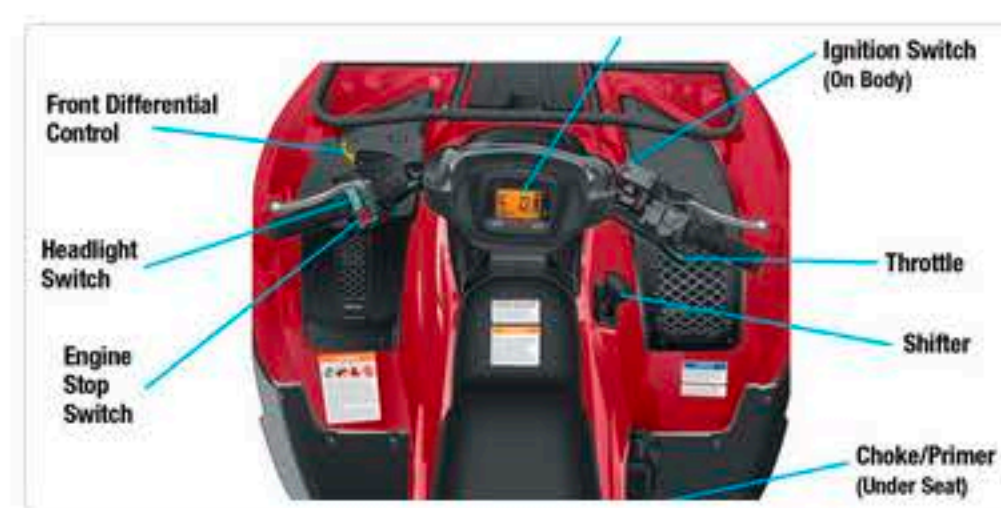


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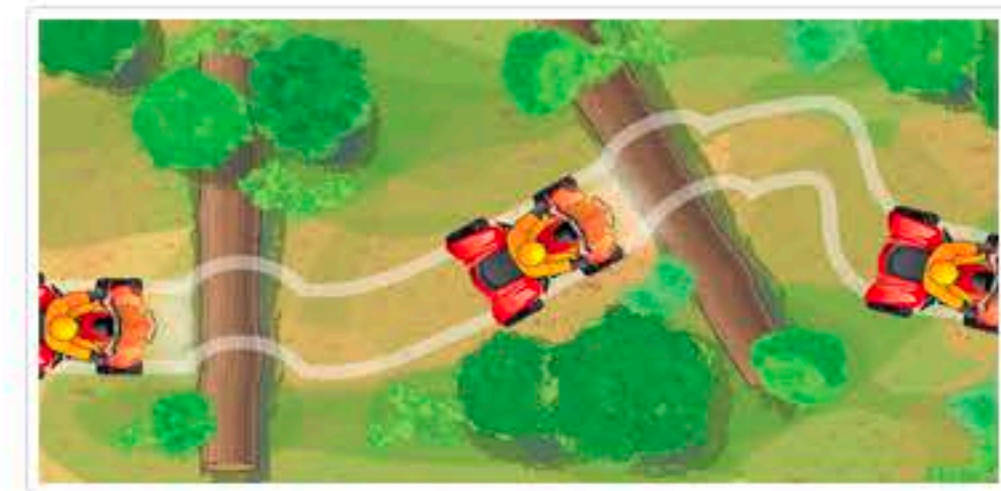
Comprehensive Education Content

The New Hampshire OHRV/Snowmobile Ed Course features easy-to-understand safety instructions and hundreds of detailed illustrations to help you improve your riding skills and become a better, more prepared OHRV/Snowmobile operator.

This online OHRV/Snowmobile safety course will teach you the things every rider must know to operate these vehicles safely, ethically, responsibly, and in compliance with state or provincial legal requirements.



Different types of vehicles have their own handling characteristics, so it's important for you to learn how to operate your particular model.



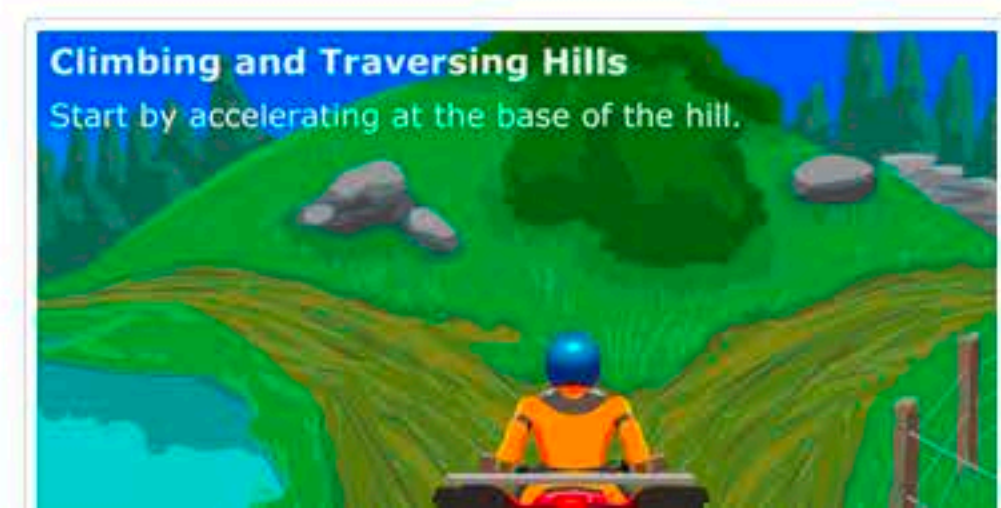
You'll learn the four actions to take in assessing terrain and the guidelines to follow when riding on different types of terrain.



Instructional Animations

Your safety education is reinforced by getting hands-on. Touch, drag, drop, swipe, and more as you progress through the online safety course.

Interactive learning activities reinforce what you'll learn in the OHRV/Snowmobile license course content to help you enjoy riding more safely and responsibly.



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Commonly Used Terms



ATV



OHM



UTV



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For easier reading, we may use acronyms to refer to off-road vehicles.

- **OHRV:** Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle. A two-, three-, or four-wheeled vehicle that has a motor and is designed for riding on unpaved surfaces. OHRVs are also commonly known as ORVs and OHVs.
- **ATV:** All-Terrain Vehicle. A type of OHRV with low-pressure, knobby tires designed for riding on unpaved surfaces. ATVs typically have four wheels. Three-wheeled ATVs are illegal in many states.
- **OHM:** Off-Highway Motorcycle. A type of motorcycle equipped for certain off-road sports. These motorcycles may or may not be “street-legal.”
- **UTV:** Utility-Terrain Vehicle. A type of OHRV where the driver and a passenger can sit side-by-side in the vehicle. They are most commonly known as UTVs (Utility Terrain Vehicle or just Utility Vehicle) or Side-by-Side Vehicles. UTVs are not designed for use on paved surfaces.
- **Snowmobile:** Vehicle with skis, belts, or cleats that is designed for riding on snow and ice.

The general information in this course applies to all types of OHRVs and snowmobiles. Much of the specific information, however, applies primarily to ATVs, OHMs, and snowmobiles.

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Learning About Your Vehicle

Each type of ATV or snowmobile handles differently from the next. To operate your particular vehicle safely, study the owner's manual. Operating an ATV or snowmobile can be a fun, safe sport. However, it can be hazardous if you're reckless, inattentive, or uninformed about the vehicle you're operating.

The best way to learn about your vehicle is to read the owner's manual. The information included tells how to:

- Improve your vehicle's performance and your enjoyment.
- Maintain your vehicle to help it last much longer.
- Improve your riding skills.
- Perform simple repairs.
- Operate safely to protect yourself, others, and your vehicle.
- Get more information about questions you have.

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ATV Helmet

- Helps prevent serious head injury.
- Should fit snugly and fasten securely.
- May be a full-face helmet or an open-face helmet.
 - Full-face helmets protect both your head and face. They provide the best protection during a collision, protect from tree branches and falls, provide warmth, and protect from loud noises.
 - Open-face helmets are lighter and cooler but should be worn with eye protection.
- Can increase your visibility after dark if you add a strip of reflective tape to your helmet.
- Should have a safety-approved label from the Department of Transportation (DOT), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

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Snowmobile Helmet

Snowmobile helmets help prevent serious head injury.

Benefits

- Snowmobile helmets are designed to protect your head and face in collisions or falls, from tree branches while riding, from the cold, and from loud noise.
- Unlike motorcycle helmets, snowmobile helmets have vents that you can open or close prevent fogging.
- Snowmobile face shields have a double lens to resist fogging. Some face shields have built-in defrosters that plug into an outlet on the snowmobile.
- Snowmobile helmets have a foam liner that may offer some degree of flotation if you fall into freezing water. Wearing a helmet also provides insulation to retain body heat around your brain.



Selection

- Make sure your helmet fits snugly, fastens securely, and doesn't move or feel loose. Try on helmets over riding headgear.
- Replace your helmet every five years. Made of fiberglass or plastic, helmets become brittle over time.
- Place a strip of reflective tape on your helmet for extra visibility after dark.
- Don't paint your helmet. Solvents in the paint can weaken the shell.
- If you are operating your snowmobile in the United States, select a helmet with a safety-approval label from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

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Preparing To Tow

Preparing To Tow Your ATV

- Select a trailer with the proper load capacity to carry the vehicles you want to transport.
- Be sure the trailer has an adequate number of tie-down points.
- Check the owner's manual of your towing vehicle to be sure it's rated to tow the combined weight of the trailer and ATV.
- Inspect the trailering equipment to make sure it is performing properly and meets your state's safety requirements.

Remember...

Always transport your ATV to the riding area. It is almost always illegal to ride an ATV on roads or in the ditch. Ideally, use an ATV trailer to transport your ATV. Consult your owner's manual for the proper transport method.

Preparing To Tow Your Snowmobile

The snowmobile trailer must meet safety requirements for lights, hitching, coupling, and safety chains. A solid ball with lock washer and nut is often considered legal as well. Also consider these important features.

- Use a snowmobile trailer with a tilt bed for ease in loading and unloading.
- Make sure the towing vehicle has a heavy-duty flasher and rearview mirrors, inside and outside.
- Know your trailer's weight capacity rating, and don't exceed it.
- Avoid rope or rubber tie-downs since they are frayed easily by metal edges and any stretching may allow movement.

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Carrying Passengers



Most ATVs and snowmobiles are not designed to carry passengers. A passenger can interfere with the operator's ability to shift his or her weight properly during maneuvers, which can cause a loss of control. If your vehicle is designed for more than one person, be sure your passenger(s):

- Stays seated to keep the vehicle's center of gravity as low as possible.
- Keeps his or her feet on the footrests and does not extend his or her hands beyond the edge of the vehicle where they may collide with branches or bushes.

Crossing Roads

When crossing a road, check for challenging environmental and traffic conditions such as low light, limited visibility, heavy traffic, or wide roadways. Vehicle operators must evaluate each situation to determine the safest way to cross the road. Sometimes it may be safer for the passenger to dismount and walk across; at other times, it may be safer for the passenger to stay on the snowmobile or ATV.

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