Off Road or All Terrain Vehicle/Motorcycle Resource Sheet

(RCW 46.09.020) "Off-road vehicle" or "ORV" means any nonstreet licensed vehicle when used for recreational purposes on nonhighway roads, trails, or a variety of other natural terrain. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, and dune buggies."

Examples:



<u>Use</u>

- Not street legal may be operated on a nonhighway road and in parking areas serving designated off-road vehicle areas if the state, federal, local, or private authority responsible for the management of the nonhighway road authorizes the use of off-road vehicles; and on a street, road, or highway as authorized under <u>RCW 46.09.360</u>. (<u>RCW 46.09.450</u>)
- May be used on private property if the owner grants approval (<u>RCW</u> 46.09.450)
- Must be 13 years old to operate, persons under 13 may operate under direct supervision of a person 18 or older possessing a valid drivers license (<u>RCW 46.09.460</u>)

Note: No three or four wheel off-road vehicle can be altered to become street legal in Washington State. A manufacturer must certify that the vehicle meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for street use in order for a vehicle to be licensed for street use in Washington State.

Starting January 1, 2012, some two wheel motorcycles may be licensable IF a declaration form is filed with the Department of Licensing which must include certification by a licensed dealer or repair shop that the modifications made comply with FMVSS and state laws. For more information regarding this please visit the Department of Licensing Web site at www.dol.wa.gov.

Licensing

- No Drivers License needed (RCW 46.16A.030)
- Must have a use permit (<u>RCW 46.09.440</u>)
- Must display current ORV tag (RCW 46.09.440)

Vehicle Equipment

- Spark Arrester (<u>RCW 46.09.470</u>)
- Muffler (86 decibel limit)(<u>RCW 46.09.470</u>)
- Helmet (Except for off-road vehicles equipped with seat belts and roll bars or an enclosed passenger compartment) (RCW 46.09.470)

Note: While we have tried to compile a complete listing of laws regarding this type of mobility device, additional requirements may apply. To read additional law requirements please visit the Washington State legislative Web site at http://www.leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/