

Use this 5 Star Safety Guide to choose the right vehicle for the task, and to be a 5 Star Safe ATV Rider.

# 5 Star Safe ATV User guide



**Be a 5 star rider and stay safe on your ATV**

- ★ Select the right vehicle
- ★ Protect yourself
- ★ Be trained
- ★ Safe riders and loads
- ★ Understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations

For more information on ATV safety, visit [www.atvsafety.com.au](http://www.atvsafety.com.au) or contact the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries on 02 6247 3811 / [info@fcai.com.au](mailto:info@fcai.com.au)



## ★ Select the right vehicle

- Select the vehicle best suited to the task (use our selection guide on the next page)
- Consider the terrain, riders and loads to help you select the right vehicle

## ★ Protect yourself

- Make sure you are physically fit and able to ride actively on bikes or ATVs
- Always wear a helmet and protective gear
- Never operate the vehicle intoxicated

## ★ Be trained

- Training will enable you to fully understand the vehicle attributes and limitations, and assist you with the techniques and strategies for safe riding
- Speak with your local dealer about training opportunities

## ★ Safe riders and loads

- Never allow children on adult size ATVs or SSVs
- Never carry passengers on single seat ATVs
- Never overload your vehicle, and reduce loads on difficult or steep terrain when carrying loads

## ★ Understand and follow the manufacturer's recommendations

- Always read the manufacturer's recommendations specific to each vehicle
- Take note of the manufacturer's warning labels on the vehicle and the owner's manual
- Maintain and service your vehicle so it's in good working order

## Vehicle selection guide

The types of terrain you will ride on, the tasks to be completed, and the age and experience of the rider are important factors that will influence you when selecting the most appropriate vehicle. Use the table below to assist you in choosing the safest vehicle for your purpose.

Terrain	Motorcycle	ATV	SSV
Flat and open	✓	✓	✓
Rolling hills	✓	✓	✓
Steep hills	✓ must be skilled	✓ 4WD ATV safer & provide training	✓ Provide Training
Tall Grass	⚠ stand for vision	⚠ stand for vision	⚠ slow down
Rocky	⚠	⚠ 4WD ATV safer	⚠
Thick vegetation	✓	✓	⚠
Slippery	⚠	✓	✓
Sealed Road	✓	✗	✗

Task	Motorcycle	ATV	SSV
Property Inspection	✓	✓	✓
Mustering stock	✓	✓	✓ less nimble
Transport	✓	✓ no passengers	✓
Spraying	✗	✓ flat ground OK	✓
Fencing	✓	✓	✓
Towing	✗	✓ wt. and size limited	✓ wt. and size limited
Carrying Loads	✗	✓ wt. and size limited	✓ wt. and size limited

Rider Characteristics	Motorcycle	ATV	SSV
Under 16 years of age	⚠ Small capacity, Train & Supervise	⚠ Age appropriate, Train & Supervise	⚠ Age Appropriate, Train & Supervise
Inexperienced Adult	⚠ Provide Training	⚠ Provide Training	⚠ Provide Training
Poor Health/Older	⚠	⚠ Must be rider active	⚠ Provide Training

### Key for Symbols

- ✓ Vehicle is appropriate in this instance
- ✗ Vehicle is not appropriate in this instance

⚠ Potentially dangerous in some situations so you may need to modify behaviour/avoid/or choose another vehicle