

	BC	California	Oregon	US Fed	Quebec	Ontario (updated to Jan 1, 2004)	Alberta
One Act for ATV and snowmobiles?	Yes: the <i>Motor Vehicle (All Terrain) Act</i> ; but Act currently applies only to snowmobiles	Yes; but two Acts govern both: the <i>Chappie Zberg Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Law of 1971</i> (<i>California Vehicle Code</i> , Division 16.5); and the <i>Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 1988</i> (<i>California Public Resources Code</i>)	Yes: chapter 821 of Oregon Revised Statutes	n/a	Yes: <i>An Act Respecting Off-Highway Vehicles</i>	No: <i>Off-Road Vehicles Act</i> and <i>Motorized Snow Vehicles Act</i>	Yes: <i>Off Highway Vehicle Act</i> (and coming soon, the <i>Traffic Safety Act</i>)
Rules address 4x4s?	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N - includes prescribed vehicles only	Y
ATV and snowmobiles handled in same regs or separate?	Only one Reg - snowmobiles only.	same	same	same	separate	separate - two Acts w/ associated Regs	same now but will be separate when Traffic Safety Act in force
Govt department in charge?	Water Land and Air Protection (formerly MELP); ICBC for reg'n	Motor Vehicles (reg'n); Parks and Recreation (OHV MVR Program)	Parks and Recreation for trail permits; Motor Vehicles for snow vehicle reg'n; other agencies for trail mgmt USBLM, USFS, Oregon ATV Assoc	Forest Service	Transport	Transportation	Transportation and Utilities
Vehicle ownership registration compulsory?	N - ATV; Y - snowmobile	Y	N - OHV; Y - snow vehicle	n/a	Y	ORV and snow - Y, unless driven on land occupied by veh. Owner	Y unless on own land
Registration fee?	snow: \$10	all: \$21 US	n/a - OHV; \$10 US snow	n/a	\$54 to register; \$6 annual	ORV \$35 number plate and annual permit; snow \$30 number reg'n and \$15 annual	\$24 (NB a "personal licence plate" costs \$165!!)
Annual or biennial licence?	snow: one-time registration only	biennial	OHV - n/a; biennial for snow	n/a	annual	ORV - annual permit; snow - annual trail permit	annual
Plate or decal?	ATV - n/a; snow - decal or plate	plate and green or red sticker permit	[trail permit only a small sticker]	n/a	plate	ORV - number plate and permit; snow - number decals and optional trail permit	plate
Where located on ATV?	ATV - n/a	left rear quadrant	n/a	n/a	rear	ORV - 3 or less wheels conspic place veh front; >3 wheels, conspicuous veh rear; snow - reg'n # on both sides cowling	front or rear but clearly visible, readable and not obscured
Liability insurance compulsory?	ATV - compulsory on forest service roads; snow - compulsory on highway			n/a	Y \$500,000	ORV - Y; snow - Y, unless driven on land occupied by veh. Owner	Y need insurance to register (and register unless on own land only)
Operator license/safety course required?	ATV - driver licence on forest service roads; snow - driver licence on highway	ATV on public lands safety certificate or accompanied by adult with safety	basically need driver license or operator permit (after ATV safety course) or supervision	n/a	<16 yrs need operator's permit with certif of competence; highway need driver licence	ORV - N; snow - to drive across or on hwy or on trail, need driver lic. or snow veh. operator's lic. (age 12+ attend course, pass exam)	N
Age restriction?	N		mini-bike: age 7+	n/a	12+ learner's veh, supervis, own land; 14+ ATV	ORV - 12+ unless on land occupied by veh. owner or under close supervision by adult; snow - N, unless on hwy, across hwy or on trail (then 12+ with driver lic. or snow veh. lic)	14+ if public place, unless under supervision of adult
Trail or other program?	N	Y	Y	n/a	Y	ORV - N; snow - Y (Ont. Fed. Of Snowmobile Clubs)	N
Trail permit extra money?	snow **	N - with registration	\$10 US all three classes; good for 2 yrs from date of issue	n/a	\$6 annual to trails from fee	ORV - \$10; snow - \$15	n/a
Land use controls?	Act refers to possibility of area, season or time prohibitions in regs; also refers to restrictions possible in municipal by-law, <i>Park Act</i> , <i>Forest Act</i> , <i>Land Act</i> or regs under	trail system; grants require enviro assessment, monitoring, planning; Wildlife Habitat Protection program (federal agencies); soil conservation standards	trail system; not really specified except that need permit to go on trails	Presidential Executive Orders; Code of Federal Regs; local National Forest admin	Act refers to other Acts having restrictions; also addresses pvte land, highways, trails, etc.	some for both ORV and snow - schedules re: hwy use, also some areas of province (mainly north) where reg'n reqmts exempted	N; but Forest Rec reg imposes time/area restrictions
Vehicle noise regulation?	N	Y: muffler and dB specs according to year of manuf (range 82dB - 92 dB and 101 dB)	ATV - 93-99 dB dep on location; snow 82 dB	n/a	Y cannot modify, remove or render inoperative the muffler	ORV - see s. 23 Ont Reg 316/03 under Highway Traffic Act re: various enviro protections; snow - muffler and exhaust	Y - Reg
Vehicle exhaust/air emissions regulation?	N	Y: Veh Code has spark arrester; mv pollution control device rules	N	n/a	N	both - Y - see above	Y - exhaust, flames/sparks
Other environmental provisions?	don't damage ppty; don't damage growing stock; don't run over, injure or kill wildlife or a domestic animal; regs. elsewhere re: time/area prohibitions and restrictions	Stakeholder Roundtable; speed limits; civil dges if removal of sign offence proximately causes environmental impacts; no dge to land, wildlife; no litter provisions; TreadLightly! endorsed;safety course incl. enviro considns; red sticker; Preamble in PRC	TreadLightly! endorsed; offence to hunt/harass wild animals from ATV/snow; offence to operate snow or Class I/II ATV so as to expose underlying soil or vegetatin or to injure, damage trees	Exec. Orders preamble states need for resource protection in light of widespread use of ORVs on public lands; orders incl planning for devt of zones of use, monitoring of effects and review; special protective measures	Rules re: noise, harassing/killing animals, littering	ORV - Reg 316/03: prohibitions re: discharge contaminants, harm/discomfort to person re: noise/dust/emissions; harm, inj, or dge to ppty, flora, fauna, nat. env.; driving through streams/watercourse where likely to alter, disrupt or destroy fish habitat	"Shifting Gears" program by Alberta Environment partnered with Alberta OHV Assoc (re: Ghost River-Waiparous Creek area only)
Enforcement provisions?	peace, conservation, forest, park officers; other designated	peace officers	peace officers	CFR with local implementation	peace officers; volunteer Trail Security Officers	OPP, park super and asst super, cons. Officer, warden; can suspend licence if fail to stop; flashing red light on veh.	RCMP, munic police, forests and conserv. officers

New Brunswick (updated to Jan 1, 2004)	Newfoundland	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Nova Scotia (updated to Jan 1, 2004)
Yes: <i>Off-Road Vehicle Act</i>	Yes: <i>Motorized Snow Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Act</i>	Y: <i>The Off-Road Vehicles Act</i>	N: <i>The All Terrain Vehicles Act; The Snowmobile Act</i>	Y: <i>Off-highway Vehicles Act</i>
N - unless not reg'd under Motor Veh. Act	N - unless not registered as hwy. veh.	Y	N	Y, unless registered pursuant to Motor Veh. Act and unless operate on own land only
same	same	unknown	separate	One Act, but snow vehicles have a separate Reg.
Public Safety (Min. Nat. Res. & Energy custodian and trustee of Trail Mgmt Trust Fund)	Works Services and Transportation	Registrar of motor vehicles to register.	Highway Traffic Board	Min. of Transportation and Communications
Y	Y	Y	N	Y
ORV - \$41 (dirt bike, dune buggy and amphibious \$16)	"about \$20"	unknown	n/a	OHV - \$30 to register, \$10 annual reg'n permit; snow - \$5 to register; \$5 annual permit
annual	one time	regular periodic	n/a	annual
decal (Act says decal or plate)	plate	plate and sticker	n/a	OHV - id # to be displayed as Registrar directs; snow - decal
rear in conspicuous position	conspicuous, each side of front	unknown	n/a	OHV - as directed by Registrar, display reg'n #; snow - decal on both sides of cowl
Y, unless operated on own land only	if cross highway	Y	if highway or public land	N
N	N	only if registrable under Highway Traffic Act	Y if 12-15 on public land, or accompanied by licensed adult	N
<14 cannot operate unless under direct superv. of 19+; need to be 14+ to cross roadway not a highway; 16+ cross any roadway	never <12; 16+ unless accompanied by 19+; snow 13+ unless accompanied	<14 need adult supervision	16+ unless on own land	restrictions re: <10 years and >=10<14
Y, fees go to trust fund for programs specified under Act	N	N	N	N
Y, extra for snow machine trail. No trail permit yet required for ATV.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
no travel within 7.5 m of highway; munic may make restrictive or prohibitive bylaw re use, or use of hwys, w/ consent of Minister; no trail w/in 25 m of residence unless written consent	Reg sets out what is an "approved area" by land type mostly; Act addresses highway use	Y	Y	restrictions re: hwys (specified in Act and Regs); need permission of owner or occupier to ride on private land
Y - muffler/exhaust reqmts; also prohibition against excessive /unusual noise	Y muffler	Y	N	N
Y - as above	Y - flames and sparks	Y - spark arrester	N	N
Y - Trail trust fund admin'd by trustee on advice of advisory board; distribute funds for trail constr and mainten; also educational and prevention initiatives re: impact of vehicles on environment. ATV-managed trail mgr appted by Min. NR & Energy; snow m	Regs address avoiding user conflicts; no tire chains on ATVs	N [but did not view Regs]	N	N
RCMP, NB police, park warden, game warden, fishery officer; powers to stop, inspect; offence provisions; veh. Forfeiture; reg'n suspension	Offence to kill/harass etc. wildlife; HTA officer, munic police, RCMP, forestry official, fisheries officer, wildlife officer, officer under Prov Parks Act; Note there is a ticketing system in place	RCMP, traffic officer, Natural Resources Officer (Conservation Officer, Park ranger, Park Patrol)	Violation of Act/Regs is offence; Sask. police, HTA traffic officer	peace officers (RCMP, local police, MV insp, conserv. Off); viol'n of Act or Regs is summary conviction offence; inspection power, seizure and detention of veh.