QUAD BIKE SAFETY

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
A quad bike can be a useful piece of equipment but, as with any farm equipment, it can have serious safety risks when used incorrectly. This brochure highlights things you need to consider before purchasing a quad bike for on-farm use.

**BEFORE YOU BUY**

Find out whether a quad bike is the best vehicle option for your farm.

- Identify your needs and relevant operator safety issues – eg riders must not carry passengers (unless specifically designed) and must be aged 16 or over.
- Compare vehicle options to your needs.
- Talk to your dealer and others with relevant knowledge.
TRAINING

Due to the specific design features and handling characteristics of a quad bike, all riders should undertake an accredited training course.

- You must ensure that anyone using a quad bike on your farm has appropriate information, training and supervision. This includes employers, workers and others – eg visitors.
- Ask your dealer about trainers in your local area.
- Supervise all inexperienced operators.

HELMETS AND OTHER PPE

Quad bikes are no different to any other motorcycle when it comes to personal protective equipment (PPE). Always wear a helmet when operating a quad bike.

It is important to meet your legal requirements when it comes to wearing PPE in the workplace – ensure you comply with the advice provided in the owner’s manual.

Typical PPE other than helmets include:
- eye protection
- hand protection
- long-sleeve shirt and full-length pants
- sturdy footwear.
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