

ATV & UTV Farm Safety: Wisconsin Rules & Off-Road Hazards

Why It Matters:

ATVs and UTVs are useful farm tools but can be dangerous if operated improperly. Wisconsin has strict regulations to prevent rollovers and crashes.

Key Safety Points:

- Always wear a helmet—Wisconsin law requires it for riders under 18.
- Follow posted speed limits and avoid reckless driving.
- Use seatbelts in UTVs and keep hands and feet inside the vehicle.
- Avoid riding on steep, uneven terrain that increases the risk of rollovers.
- Never allow extra riders unless the vehicle is designed for passengers.

Real-Life Risks:

- Many ATV injuries happen when drivers take sharp turns too fast or ride on unstable ground.
- Fatal rollovers have occurred when riders weren't wearing helmets or seatbelts.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the most common ATV/UTV risks on our farms?
- How can we improve safety practices when using these vehicles?