321I.10 Operation on roadways, highways, and trails.

1. A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle upon roadways or highways except as provided in section 321.234A and this section.

2. A registered all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle may be operated on an undivided two-lane primary highway that is not part of the interstate road system over the most direct and accessible route between any of the following locations:
   a. An all-terrain vehicle park or trail.
   b. A secondary road on which such vehicles are authorized to operate under subsection 3.
   c. A city street on which such vehicles are authorized to operate under subsection 4.
   d. The vehicle operator’s residence.

3. a. A registered all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle may be operated on any of the following secondary roads:
   (1) An unpaved secondary road.
   (2) A paved, undivided two-lane secondary road over the most direct and accessible route between any of the following locations:
      (a) An all-terrain vehicle park or trail.
      (b) Another secondary road on which such vehicles are authorized to operate under this paragraph.
      (c) A city street on which such vehicles are authorized to operate under subsection 4.
      (d) The vehicle operator’s residence.
   b. Notwithstanding paragraph “a”, a county may prohibit the operation of all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles on a secondary road or segment thereof under its jurisdiction as follows:
      (1) When the secondary road or segment thereof is closed to motor vehicle traffic pursuant to section 306.41.
      (2) When the secondary road or segment thereof is designated as a detour route pursuant to section 306.41.
      (3) For any other secondary road or segment thereof, for no more than seven consecutive days and no more than thirty days in a calendar year when the prohibited days are established by ordinance.

4. A city may regulate the operation of registered all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles and may designate streets under the jurisdiction of the city within its corporate limits, and two-lane primary and secondary road extensions in the city, which may be used for the operation of such vehicles. In designating such streets, the city may authorize all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles to stop at service stations or convenience stores along a designated street. However, a city shall not charge a fee to operate a registered all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle within the city.

5. All-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on snowmobile trails except where designated by the controlling authority and the primary snowmobile trail sponsor.

6. An all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle may make a direct crossing of a highway that is not part of the interstate road system provided all of the following occur:
   a. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.
   b. The all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway.
   c. The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.
d. In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another public street or highway.

e. The crossing is made from a street, roadway, or highway on which the all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle is authorized to operate to a street, roadway, or highway on which such vehicle is authorized to operate.


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For applicable scheduled fines, see §805.8B, subsection 2A, paragraph b
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