



Requirements for Using Registered All-terrain Vehicles/Off-Road Utility Vehicles for Trail Maintenance

If you are planning to utilize a registered All-terrain vehicle/Off-Road Utility Vehicle for designated snowmobile trail maintenance you need to follow the operational requirements found in Iowa Code Chapters 321I and 321.234A.

Minimum operational requirements include:

1. The all-terrain vehicle is operated for the purpose of mowing, installing approved trail signs, or providing maintenance on a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trail designated by the department of natural resources.
2. The all-terrain vehicle must display a valid DNR registration decal. (Farm exempt machines are NOT to be used for trail work)
3. If the trail is on a highway, roadway or adjacent ditch area, the operator must be at least sixteen years of age and have a valid DOT operator's license. (If your DOT license is barred, suspended or revoked, you may NOT operate an all-terrain vehicle under this provision)
4. Operators under eighteen years of age must have a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate.
5. Operation with a passenger is prohibited. The only exception is an all-terrain vehicle that was designed by the original manufacturer to carry a passenger.

Please let your local law enforcement agencies know that you are providing maintenance on a designated snowmobile trail, prior to beginning any work. Wear your trail vest to identify you as a trail worker. Violations under this chapter may count against your DOT driving record.