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Off-highway vehicles

According to the *Act respecting off-highway vehicles* (R.S.Q., c. V-1.2), off-highway vehicles include:

- motorized all-terrain vehicles equipped with handlebars and at least two wheels, that are designed to be straddled and whose net mass does not exceed 600 kilograms;
 - such other motorized vehicles designed to travel off a public highway as are determined by regulation.
1. Every operator of an off-highway vehicle must be at least 14 years of age, and if he is under 16 years of age, he must hold a certificate obtained from an officer authorized by the Government (SAAQ) and that attests that the operator has the competence and knowledge required to operate such a vehicle. Actors and extras who do not meet these criteria must be replaced by doubles.
 2. The transportation of passengers must comply with the following rules:
 - the number of passengers transported in an off-highway vehicle must never exceed the maximum number indicated by the manufacturer;
 - the transport of passengers in a trailer or a sleigh towed by an off-highway vehicle is permitted only if this trailer or sleigh is manufactured according to the standards (S.Q. 1996, c. 60.a.4);
 - it is forbidden to tow more than one sleigh or trailer carrying people with an off-highway vehicle.
 3. Any person riding in or on an off-highway vehicle, a trailer or a sleigh towed by this vehicle must be equipped with the following personal protective equipment complying with Transport Canada standards:
 - a protective helmet;
 - safety glasses if the protective helmet has no visor;
 - gloves;
 - clothing whose sleeves cover the arms;
 - pants.
 4. No off-highway vehicle shall be operated without the following equipment complying with the standards and in working order:
 - one white headlight;
 - one red tail-light;
 - one red stop light at the rear;
 - one rear-view mirror firmly attached to the left side of the vehicle;
 - an exhaust system;
 - a braking system;
 - a speedometer;
 - any other equipment determined by regulation.
 5. All trailers or sleighs to be towed by an off-highway vehicle must be equipped with the following equipment complying with the standards and in working order:
 - one red stop light at the rear;
 - two red reflectors at the rear as far apart as practicable;
 - two red left and right side reflectors situated at an equal distance from the front and the rear;
 - a rigid tow bar designed to prevent overturning or swerving, which pivots 90 degrees on either side and allows pitching without compromising the overall stability;
 - any other equipment determined by regulation.
 6. The width of a sleigh or trailer towed by an off-highway vehicle, equipment included, shall not exceed 1.5 m.

Reference

Act respecting off-highway vehicles, R.S.Q., chapter V-1.2.

Note. – The information contained in this guideline is not exhaustive and does not replace current standards, laws and regulations.