

# Staying Off the Roads Means Knowing the Law

Did you know that Ohio law requires all APVs, off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles to be properly registered, based on use, with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles? Ohio Revised Code 4519 states that APV and off-highway motorcycle owners will need to present a title for their vehicles for first-time registration, first-time renewal or transfer of registration.

While snowmobiles do not require a title, proof of ownership must be established at the time of registration with a dealer's bill of sale or a Snowmobile/Moped Affidavit form (BMV 5706).

You must have a valid driver license to operate an APV, off-highway motorcycle or snowmobile.

The law permits the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to allow minors between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate snowmobiles and APVs without a license on state controlled land under its jurisdiction if accompanied by a parent or guardian who is a licensed motor vehicle operator, 18 years of age or older.

For more information, contact the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at 614-752-7500.

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Read Up!**

For additional information contact  
your local Deputy Registrar or  
the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
P.O. Box 16520  
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For information on operating your vehicle on  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources' property,  
please call (614) 265-6694.

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Ohio Laws for APVs and Off-Highway Motorcycles

Know the Law

What Ohio  
Needs to  
Know About  
Titling,  
Registering and  
Operating  
Snowmobiles,  
Off-Highway  
Motorcycles  
and All-Purpose  
Vehicles

"You Must Have a Title to Register Your Vehicle."

# Get the News Before You Cruise

Know the facts about Ohio's title law, and stay **revved up** all summer long. The law states:

- Dealers are required to provide you with a title for all APVs and off-highway motorcycles within 30 days of your purchase
- Before you can register your APV or off-highway motorcycle with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, it must be titled
- First time renewal of an APV or off-highway motorcycle registration will require presentation of an Ohio title
- You can purchase a 30-day sticker from your dealer or local Deputy Registrar for \$5.50 to be used while waiting for your title to be secured

- The 30-day stickers are designed to stay intact and legible for a 30-day period
- Non-Ohio residents may obtain a 15-day registration sticker for APVs, off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for \$8.50
- Temporary, non-resident tags are required only if a visitor's home state does not provide registration for recreational vehicles

Ohio law provides penalties similar to those imposed for related offenses involving motor vehicles, and for violations of registration, equipment or operating requirements.

## Registration Reminders

- Registrations are valid for up to three years
- All registrations expire on December 31 in the third year after the date of issuance
- Application for the renewal of a registration may be made no earlier than 90 days prior to expiration
- Registration certificates for APVs, mini-bikes, trail bikes and snowmobiles are accompanied by an alphanumeric decal which must be visibly displayed on the vehicle

## Proof of Ownership Documents

When applying for a title for your off-highway motorcycle or APV, you must present one of the following along with a VIN inspection\* at any County Title Office:

1. Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin
2. Title from another state (in your name or assigned to you)
3. Ohio Certificate of Title that has been assigned to you
4. Notarized Bill of Sale
5. Current insurance policy or declaration page in your name that describes the vehicle by VIN, YEAR, MAKE and MODEL
6. Warranty order in your name that describes the vehicle by VIN, YEAR, MAKE, and MODEL
7. Security agreement that lists the owner, lender, VIN, YEAR and MAKE

If you do not have any of the above documents, please contact your County Title Office for alternative acceptable proof of ownership documents.

\*A VIN inspection can be obtained from any local Deputy Registrar agency or most new car dealerships. The vehicle must be present for the VIN inspection to be performed.

## Play it Safe

APVs, off-highway motorcycles and snowmobiles provide hours and hours of entertainment and enjoyment. So, keep it fun and safe for everyone by reviewing Ohio's operating regulations and making sure to obey the law.

## Operating Regulations

APVs and snowmobiles **may** be used:

- To cross a highway other than a limited access highway or freeway
- On county and township highways whenever approved by those having jurisdictional authority over them
- Off and alongside streets or highways from the place of unloading the vehicle to the place at which it is intended and authorized to be used
- On the berm or shoulder of any highway, other than a limited access highway, or freeway when the terrain is such that the vehicle can be used safely
- On the berm or shoulder of a county or township road when traveling from one area of operation to another

APVs and snowmobiles **may not** be used:

- On any limited access highway or freeway or the right-of-way thereof
- On any private property without special permission of owner or in any nursery or planting area
- On any state-controlled land or waters except those which have been posted as permitting snowmobiles or APVs
- On track or right-of-way of any operating railroad
- When carrying a loaded or uncased firearm, bow or other hunting implement
- To chase, pursue, capture or kill any animal or wildlife
- From one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, unless displaying a lighted headlight and taillight as required under equipment regulations

