

SAFETY GUIDLINES TO HELP MAKE ALL YOUR RIDES MEMORABLE

Larger machines (over 90cc) should not be ridden by persons under 16 years of age, so as not to endanger themselves or others. Make sure all instructions are understood.

Remember you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those in your care. Northern Thunder cannot be held liable for accidents no matter what the cause. You are responsible for checking your vehicle thoroughly for faults, and for riding in a safe manner.

With any motor vehicle operation, there is an element of risk. By choosing to ride this vehicle, you have accepted this risk. Northern Thunder is not responsible for negligence, speeding, component failure, inexperience and other unforeseen circumstances that can cause injury or death.

Seek local law enforcement advice prior to riding on roads or public streets/parks/footpaths/crown or private land.

Remember Safety First

To assist you with safety, here is some advice you need to be aware of.

Only you can protect yourself.

Safety is your responsibility, for yourself and minors in your care.

1. Pay attention and obey the warning labels on the vehicle (if they become faded or are removed, replace them immediately).
2. Take instruction and make certain you are fully aware of, and able to operate, the controls of the vehicle.
3. Ride under the instruction of a competent teacher until you are an experienced rider.
4. These vehicles are designed and manufactured for off road use only. It is illegal and unsafe to use this machine on any public street, road or highway - tarred, dirt, paved or cement.
5. Please check your local riding laws and regulations before operating this machine.
6. Please check local environmental laws and respect them. Northern Thunder would like you to keep our environment clean, safe, and beautiful for all to enjoy as we are sure you do.
7. Riding an ATV is a serious matter and it can be hazardous to operate. A collision or rollover can occur quickly, with often serious consequences. The quad handles differently to other vehicles, even routine manoeuvres like turning, riding over obstacles, riding on sloping ground, across water, mud or loose surfaces can result in an accident.
- 8. Never carry passengers, as this alters the handling characteristics dangerously.**
9. Never operate the ATV on paved, tarred or cement surfaces.
- 10. Never exceed the recommended load capacity. Cargo should be properly distributed and securely attached. If carrying a load, allow greater distances for braking and reduce your speed - especially if pulling a small trailer. Overloading or improper loading can cause mechanical failure, loss of control and unnecessary danger.**
11. Always keep both hands and feet securely on the ATV.
12. Never fit unauthorised accessories to the ATV.
13. Never attempt stunts, jumps, wheelies or other tricks.
14. Never ride faster than your skill or conditions permit.
15. Never ride when tired or after consuming alcohol, drugs or with a dangerous medical condition.

16. Inspect your ATV each time you use it to make sure there are no mechanical faults, faulty tyres, brakes or controls. **It must be in safe operating condition with sufficient oil, petrol, brake fluid and tyre pressure.**
17. Always follow inspection and maintenance procedures as recommended.
18. Never use your ATV in flowing water or water deeper than 5 inches.
19. Always use the recommended tyres and pressures to decrease the risk of tyre failure.
20. **Always turn the engine off when refuelling.**
21. Don't run the engine in an enclosed area as this can be fatal.
22. **Always wear an approved helmet that fits snugly, eye protection, gloves, long sleeve jacket and long pants.**
23. **Engine oil from a recently run motor can be very hot. When draining for an oil change be careful.**
24. **When changing a fuse, fit the correct one, as an incorrect fuse can cause a fire.**
25. **When checking battery fluid, remember a spark could cause the battery to explode. Switch off engine and power and avoid sparks.**
26. Never put your feet on the ground when vehicle is in motion or moving off.
27. It is your responsibility to make sure that the ATV is properly and safely ridden and maintained.
28. People should not operate an ATV beyond their physical or mental limitations or capabilities.
29. Keep the owner's manual in a safe place of the vehicle or under the seat at all times.
30. Only use on level open ground, away from people while learning.
31. Obey government laws at all times.
32. Contact your local agent for anything that you do not understand or need advice on.
33. If you allow untrained people to use the ATV you endanger his/her life and the lives of others.
34. Check that the ATV accelerator (throttle) and cables are free and working. A jammed throttle can cause an expensive or serious accident.
35. Northern Thunder cannot be held responsible for your lack of knowledge.
36. All riders should take a safety course of instruction.
37. **Never use gasoline (petrol) to clean you ATV.**
38. A slight spark could cause a fatal explosion. Keep a fire extinguisher handy when working.
39. Excessive free play on a chain drive, can cause chain breakage, which could cause a serious accident.
40. "Grabbing" shuddering or lack of braking ability could mean there is a serious problem with the brakes. This must be remedied before riding to prevent a possibly serious accident.
41. **The high tension wire from the C.D.I. unit to the spark plug generates extremely high voltage and can cause a serious or fatal shock if touched with the power on.**
42. Don't touch any part of the engine, exhaust or silencer until it has cooled down.
43. Don't siphon toxic liquids like fuel or brake fluid by mouth or allow them to remain on your skin.
44. Wipe up any oil or grease that could cause you to slip or lose control of the ATV.
45. Don't allow animals or children around an unattended ATV.
46. Keep loose clothing and long hair well out of the way of moving parts.
47. Remember, many people have lost fingers and limbs that have been pulled into moving parts, especially chains. **Do not work on the ATV when engine is running.**
48. **If, in spite of all these precautions being followed, you are unfortunate enough to injure yourself, please seek medical attention immediately.**

This safety list was compiled by Kazuma and Northern Thunder with the intention of creating awareness and improving your safety.