



# Safety Update: Know the MN Law Effective July 1, 2025

## NEW Seat Belt Requirement for ATV Riders

**ALL** operators and passengers of a Class 2 ATV with factory-equipped seat belts **MUST** wear the seat belt, including both the shoulder and lap belt (if so equipped), at all times when operated on or within the right-of-way of a public road. (Statute 169.686, subd. 1)

### What is Required for Riders?



#### HELMETS

##### Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs:

A helmet approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety is required for **ALL riders under age 18** when riding on public land, public waters, or on private property.



#### SEAT BELTS

##### Class 2 ATVs Only:

If the ATV has factory-installed seat belts, **ALL operators and passengers** must wear them when operated on or within the right-of-way of a public road.

#### Class 1 ATVs



Width  
50 inches  
or less

#### Class 2 ATVs



Width greater  
than 50 inches  
but not more  
than 65 inches

### What is the Right-of-way?

Driving the ATV either directly on a public road or within the area that is legally designated as part of the road, known as the **right-of-way**. The right-of-way includes the road itself, shoulder, ditches, sidewalks, etc.

### Enforcement & Penalties:

- If you are **15 or older** and violate the law, you can be fined **\$25**.
- If you are the **driver** of the vehicle, you are responsible for:
  - *Your own violations.*
  - *Any violations committed by passengers under 15 years old.*

You can be fined **\$25 per violation**.



**RIDE SMART!  
HELMET ON. BUCKLE UP.**  
*It's the Law & Could Save a Life.*