

# Off-Highway Vehicles

## Complaint Process for OHV's

If you have concerns with the use of OHV's in Foothills County, please contact Foothills Patrol at 403-603-6300 or contact your local RCMP Detachment for assistance

Important information you can pass along to the Peace Officers/RCMP:

- Date, time, location of concern
- 911 or Street Address of the property that the OHV's are coming from/going to
- Description of OHV/Riders/ Licence Plate
- Identification of the driver/rider of the OHV

In order to be able to effectively address OHV concerns / violations, it is important for our community members/partners to:

- Be willing to provide a statement describing their observations, including how you are able to identify the operator of the OHV
- Be willing to attend Court and provide evidence of your observations

## COMPLAINTS / REQUESTS FOR SERVICE

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Call 403-603-6300

or email

[enforcement@foothillscountyAB.ca](mailto:enforcement@foothillscountyAB.ca)

Leave a message for the on-call officer.

Or contact your

local RCMP Detachment:

Okotoks RCMP: 403-938-4202

High River RCMP: 403-652-2356

Diamond Valley RCMP: 403-933-4262



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For additional information contact

Foothills Patrol

403-603-6300

# OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Foothills Patrol Division



# Off-Highway Vehicles

**Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)** describes any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swamp land or on other natural terrain....and includes:

- 4-wheel drive vehicles
- Low pressure tire vehicles
- Motor cycles and related 2-wheel vehicles
- Amphibious machines
- All-terrain vehicles
- Miniature motor vehicles
- Snow vehicles,
- Minibikes
- Any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

## Show Respect

- Be aware of the noise generated by this activity and ensure that you are not causing a nuisance or interfering with your neighbour's ability to enjoy their property in peace.

## Ride Within the Law

- Within Foothills County, OHV's may only operate on private property with the consent of the landowner or on Crown Lands.
- All municipal bylaws must be adhered to, including no excessive noise



## FOOTHILLS COUNTY BYLAWS

No person shall operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on:

- unapproved tracks,
- municipal road allowances,
- ditches,
- environmental reserves,
- municipal reserves,
- public reserves,
- gravel pits, and
- any other public property.

No person shall in either day-time or the night-time:

- make, continue, cause or allow to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary, or unusual noise of any type,
- operate a vehicle, including an Off-Highway Vehicle, if the exhaust muffler is cut out, disconnected or has had the baffle plate or other part removed,
- permit an Off-Highway Vehicle located on premises to emit noise that disturbs or annoys a person.

## Fines for Bylaw Contraventions

Make, continue, cause or allow noise	\$.200
Operate OHV without muffler	\$.500
Vehicle noise from a premise	\$.200
Operate OHV in prohibited area	\$.500



## PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS

No person shall drive an Off-Highway Vehicle on a highway without authorization -(what does this mean?)

No person shall drive an Off-Highway Vehicle on any property, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use, in a manner that constitutes driving carelessly

Off-Highway vehicles being operated anywhere, other than on private property, must have valid Registration and Insurance

Licence plates must be securely fastened to the rear of an Off-Highway Vehicle so that it is clearly visible

When signaled or directed to stop by a Peace Officer, the driver of an OHV shall:

- Immediately bring the OHV to a stop.
- Immediately supply information concerning the driver and vehicle to the Peace Officer.
- Remain stopped until permitted by the Peace Officer to leave.

## Fines for Provincial Regulation Contraventions

Operate OHV on highway	\$.310
Operate OHV carelessly	\$.543
Operate unregistered OHV	\$.155
Operate uninsured OHV	\$.310
Fail to stop / remain stopped for Peace Officer	\$.233

**Know & follow the rules of the road!**

## Be Respectful - Be Lawful

Disrespectful and unlawful operation of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's) often generates much conflict between neighbours. Those found in contravention of Municipal Bylaws or Provincial Regulations may be issued violation tickets and OHV's may be seized in certain circumstances.