



SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

Off-Road Vehicles in the Shire of East Pilbara

The Control of Vehicles Act and the Road Traffic Act govern the use of these vehicles.

WHAT is an Off-Road Vehicle??

An Off-Road Vehicle or ORV means a vehicle which is not licensed, deemed to be licensed, or the subject of a permit granted, under the Road Traffic Act 1974 . So if you have any sort of unlicensed vehicle be it a motor bike quad bike, buggy or car you are the owner of an off—road vehicle.

WHERE can I ride?

The Act prohibits the use of off-road vehicles on roads, road verges or public land that is not a designated Off Road Area. There are no designated off road areas anywhere in the Shire of East Pilbara. This means that if you use one of these vehicles, its use should only be undertaken on private land with the consent of the owner or occupier for the area you intend to ride or drive in/on. Off-road vehicles must be transported to the area where you have permission to ride them, you may not ride or drive to your intended destination or use area.

What are my Responsibilities?

Vehicles must be in a safe working condition with appropriate mufflers and mudguards . Vehicles should be free of sharp or jagged edges. Windscreens must be clear.

Safety devices (seatbelts and helmets) must be fitted and used.

Don't interfere with other road users, vehicles or people, stock or wildlife

Ride in a safe and careful manner and preserve the safety of others and the environment.

Become a member of a club and use its facilities. Then you will learn to ride in a responsible manner and how to maintain your vehicle.

Registration is available at Department of Planning and Infrastructure Licencing Centres for a nominal fee.

WHO can Ride?

For Safety sake always have a friend ride their ORV with you. Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back or have an observer with you.

Children 8 Years and under cannot be in control of an Off -Road Vehicle unless directly supervised by an adult.

WHEN can I Ride?

Daylight is the only time you can ride unless your vehicle is fitted with approved headlights as per the Act.

Headlights should be lit from Dusk to dawn the same as the a road registered vehicle.

Noise and dust from off-road vehicles is a big problem around residential areas and there are strict regulations about how much noise an ORV can make.

You should consider the effects you will have on others when you ride. We already live in a dry, dusty and harsh environment, *don't let your actions make that any worse for others.*

What do I Need to ride?

You must register your Off-Road Vehicles . Having an unregistered vehicle is an offence if used outside of private property.

Permission from the person who controls the land you intend to use your off-road vehicle on.

Appropriate clothing and equipment for the type of vehicle, terrain and conditions you are in - don't forget the water.

Some of the possible Offences associated with failing to comply with the Act:

Failure to register vehicle or driving or use of unregistered vehicle

Failure to wear seat belt as required

Driving or use of off-road vehicle in area other than private land by consent or permitted area

Using or driving an off-road vehicle in a manner which creates or causes undue or excessive noise

Knowingly permitting under-age person to be in charge of vehicle

Driving or using vehicle which is in dangerous condition .

Use of vehicle contrary to prohibition of use notice

The Pilbara is an exciting place to recreate and enjoy your off road vehicle. To get the most out of this past-time its best done responsibly and lawfully. Having your recreation time interrupted and paying penalties because you weren't obeying the rules is no fun for anyone.

Remember to always wear appropriate clothing, be aware of others in your vicinity and the nuisance you may cause to them.

To ensure that you and your bike comply with the Law have a look at the **Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978** and its Regulations.

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