

Off Road or All Terrain Vehicle/Motorcycle (RCW 46.09.020)

"Off-road vehicle" or "ORV" means any nonstreet licensed vehicle when used for recreational purposes on nonhighway roads, trails, or a variety of other natural terrain. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, and dune buggies."

Use

Not street legal – may be operated on a nonhighway road and in parking areas serving designated off-road vehicle areas if the state, federal, local, or private authority responsible for the management of the nonhighway road authorizes the use of off-road vehicles; and on a street, road, or highway as authorized under RCW [46.09.180](#). ([RCW 46.09.115](#))
May be used on private property if the owner grants approval ([RCW 46.09.115](#))

Note: No off-road vehicle can be altered to become street legal in Washington State. A manufacturer must certify that the vehicle meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for street use in order for a vehicle to be licensed for street use in Washington State. Therefore, no off-road vehicle will be reclassified as street legal or licensed for street use unless the manufacturer issues a new Statement of Origin (or something similar) stating the modifications made meet FMVSS for operation on public roadways.

License

No Drivers License needed ([RCW 46.16.010](#))
Must have a use permit ([RCW 46.09.030](#))
Must display current ORV tag ([RCW 46.09.040](#))

Equipment

No federal standards
No state standards

Note: While we have tried to compile a complete listing of laws regarding this type of mobility device, additional requirements may apply. To read additional law requirements please visit the Washington State legislative Web site at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/>

Examples:

