

# All Terrain Vehicle (ATVs) Operator Code of Conduct

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## Purpose

This code of conduct specifies requirements for ATV's (All Terrain Vehicles) operators as used in lifesaving operations settings.

## Act responsibly and with care

The driver has a responsibility to the patrol, the community and the organisation to act in a responsible and considerate manner before during and after the operation of the ATV. Drivers are placed in an important position and should at all times act with responsibility and care.

## Promote a culture of safety

You must maintain the safe operation of the ATV, safety towards your patrol, the public and yourself. Understand your role in assessing risk while operating the ATV. Promote safety at any opportunity.

## Your ATV is high profile

ATV operators must understand that ATV's are "high profile", added to the fact that they are large, powerful and potentially unstable. The speed, noise, power and smell of the ATV can be both annoying and frightening. Respect the right of beach goers and the public to enjoy their time at the beach.

## Follow operating procedures

Follow the normal operating procedures as laid down by Life Saving Victoria induction manuals and policy. Read and understand standard operating procedures and keep up to date with current issues. You have a responsibility to ensure the continued successful operation of this rescue service to the community.

## Personal Protection Equipment

Operators shall at all times be wearing the following Personal Protection Equipment:

- Enclosed shoes with hard sole (runners would be appropriate)
- Minimum of a shirt (patrol shirt preferred)



- Minimum of shorts (patrol shorts preferred)
- Protective, 100% UV, eyewear
- Helmet as required by local/state law (If local/state law stipulates)

## Use in Lifesaving

Local government and/or state regulations in relation to speed must be adhered to at all times, and under no circumstances is the ATV to be used at a speed in excess of:

- 20km/hr in an open and unpopulated area; &
- 5km/hr in a moderately populated area;

Only qualified operators are to use the ATV at any time. For use in lifesaving, members must take part in the LSV ATV Safety and Induction Course.

Only under extreme circumstances can a passenger or patient be transported on a quad-bike at a speed no greater than 5km/hr.

If instructed to and supervised by an ambulance officer, a patient on a spinal board may also be transported with people supporting/holding the stretcher at a suitable speed. At all times the ambulance officer is in charge of the extraction of the patient.

I \_\_\_\_\_, from

*Operator Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ agree to the

*Lifesaving Club*

above points in respect to the operation of All Terrain Vehicles. At all times I will respect and abide to these policies and procedures. I also understand that if I breach any of these my club and Life Saving Victoria have the right to disqualify me from operating an All Terrain Vehicle within lifesaving.

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*Operator Signature* *Date*

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*Facilitators Signature (on behalf of club)* *Date*

