Driver's Licence and Insurance Requirements

A valid driver's licence is needed to operate an off-road vehicle (ORV) on public roads, highways and forest service roads.

If you operate an ORV on or across highways, you're required to obtain ICBC's Basic Insurance. If you operate an ORV on forest service roads, you'll need \$200,000 in third party liability insurance. This may be obtained from ICBC or other insurers.

Operating on a Highway or Public Road

To operate on a highway, you must have an operation permit, except for crossing a highway or loading/unloading (see details below). Operation permits are available from any RCMP detachment near the Gold Rush Trail.

An operation permit is not required if you ride across a highway in a straight line at right angles to the highway, where traffic crossing the highway is controlled by a stop sign or a traffic control signal. If the speed limit is over 100 km/hr, you can only cross where there is a traffic control signal.

Unless specifically provided for in an operation permit, you must not operate an ORV on a highway between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.

The restrictions above do not apply in a parking lot for the purpose of unloading or loading an ORV.