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## **AOHVA reminds all OHV users that safety is a top priority**

Information, Safety and Education Programs available to riders of all ages

A new law requiring helmets to be worn by users of OHVs when riding on public land will be proclaimed on May 15, 2017. With this act, Alberta joins the rest of the jurisdictions in Canada in having OHV helmet laws.

*"The Government of Alberta struck the right balance with this legislation. According to the Injury Prevention Centre, head injuries are the No. 1 risk to OHV riders. Making helmets mandatory will mean more riders will stay safe and continue to enjoy riding in Alberta's beautiful landscapes."*

Brent Hodgson, president, Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association

AOHVA is dedicated to providing safe individual and family motorized recreational opportunities in an environmentally responsible manner. The organization provides OHV users and their families with important information and access to programs that help to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience in Alberta's outdoor spaces.

Riders of all ages are invited to participate in various Safety and Education Programs including:

- CASI ATV RiderCourse
- Ride With Respect
- RMDRA Guided Rides

Additionally, OHV riders and their families are encouraged to join a club; membership provides opportunities for education and development, access to information and resources, recreation, enjoyment, and contribution.

Rider safety and education is a cornerstone of the AOHVA 4-Point Plan for Environmentally Responsible OHV Use.

Visit [AOHVA.COM](http://AOHVA.COM) for details about these and other resources.

## About ALBERTA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION (AOHVA)

AOHVA is a non-profit organization representing the interests of not only the estimated 165,000 users of off-highway vehicles but of the many associated family and friends who partake in related activities with OHVs being the central focus of recreational activities enjoyed by over 500,000 Albertans. We are dedicated to providing safe motorized recreational activities in an environmentally responsible manner. Our efforts focus on education, safety, and the revitalisation and restoration of trails and facilities on both public and private land throughout Alberta.

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