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Crop damage by ATV?s

Each year several incidents have been reported to the OPP where All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riders have damaged young crops growing in local fields. The damages are especially concerning for farmers who rely on the growth of the crops to support themselves and their families.

The OPP is reminding ATV owners that they must ride on their own properties unless they have prior permission from a land owner to be on their property. Failing this warning, you could be charged with trespassing under the Trespass to Property Act.

Remember to always operate your ATV with an approved helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirt or jacket. Ignorance of the law is no excuse; please follow these rules in order to maximize the enjoyment of your ATV:

? Age ? must be at least 12 years of age

? Helmet ? must wear an approved helmet

? Ownership ? vehicle must be registered and proof of same must be produced at the trailside

? Licence Plate ? the vehicle must have a properly displayed off-road licence plate

- Insurance ? vehicle must have valid insurance and proof of the same must be produced at the trailside

? Use on Roads Prohibited ? an off-road licence plate does not allow the machine to be operated on ANY portion of the highway, this includes from fence line to fence line

? Impaired Operation ? drinking and driving while operating an ATV is a criminal offence and carries the same penalties as operating a vehicle

Safety Tips for ATV Riders:

? Ride off-road only, never on public roads

? Ride with others ? never alone

? Always supervise youngsters

? Ride sober ? no alcohol or drugs

? Respect the environment ? don't litter

? Be courteous to all you meet

? Ride within your capabilities

? Respect riding trail and area rules

For more information on ATV's please visit www.catv.ca or www.safety-council.org