

WINTER ATV/UTV SAFETY



- **Prepare Your UTV** - Before you head out, ensure you have fully prepared your UTV/ATV for driving on winter land.
- **Add Accessories** - things like chains for the tires can help if you get stuck.
- **Let others know where you're going and when you'll be back.**

Know the Signs - Frostbite can occur in minutes if out in temperatures below zero. Symptoms include cold skin and a prickly feeling, and then numbness sets in. Red, white, bluish-white, or grayish-yellow skin appears, as well as hard or waxy-looking skin. Clumsiness is expected due to joint and muscle stiffness. Blistering after rewarming can occur in the worst cases. Get the person in a blanket and get to a hospital for examination and treatment immediately. Hypothermia carries signs such as uncontrollable shivering, blue lips, fatigue, slurred speech, weak pulse, slow, shallow breathing, confusion or memory loss, and loss of consciousness. If you notice these signs in you or someone else, get off the road immediately and seek shelter and help.



- **Bring Emergency Supplies** - Prepare yourself for anything regarding winter off-roading. (For example: first aid kit, water, matches, extra blankets, cell phone, shovel, tow strap, food, and sand for traction.)
- **Dress Appropriately** - Dress for the weather.
- **Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during ATV/UTV operation.** Consuming alcohol or drugs is a factor in more than 40 percent of ATV related fatalities

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