



## Fact Sheet

# Licensed Quad Bikes Helmet Requirement

## Introduction

Quad bikes are popular and useful machines that amongst other things assist farmers tend to crops and livestock quickly and efficiently. However, quad bikes are also a significant cause of death and serious injury.

## Mandatory helmet condition

To support positive road safety outcomes that potentially reduce the risk of fatalities and serious injuries on WA roads, Driver and Vehicle Services are introducing a mandatory helmet condition for riders of quads bikes that were conditionally licensed on, or after, 25 July 2011 for the purpose of being driven on public roads. Quad bikes licensed prior to this date will not be subject to this condition as these vehicles cannot be readily identified by the vehicle's body code as being a quad bike.

**Note:** The mandatory helmet requirement does not apply to quad bikes that have been registered for recreational purposes under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*

## Helmet type

Riders of conditionally licensed quad bikes must wear an approved motorcycle helmet when the vehicle is being driven on a public road.

## When does a helmet need to be worn?

All riders of conditionally licensed quad bikes must wear a motorcycle helmet while riding a licensed quad bike on any public road. However, it is recommended that riders wear a helmet at all times to ensure rider safety.

## Why does a helmet need to be worn?

Helmets are proven to reduce the risk of serious injuries and fatalities in an unfortunate event of an accident. The majority of quad bikes in use on farms offer no roll-over-protection; therefore helmets are recommended at all times when riding a quad bike to enhance rider safety.