

# Utility Vehicle Safety at Home and Work

## Picture This



***Passengers should only be transported in designated areas, never transport passengers without the proper seating allocation.***

**What's wrong in this picture?** To transport other passengers, the vehicle must have enough seats, and the seats should be firmly secured. If the vehicle has seat belts, they must be used. Of course, the only place where a passenger may ride is on a seat which is not happening in the picture above.

It's very important that anyone in your crew who will be using the vehicles is trained to drive each vehicle, to inspect it, to recognize safety symbols and alerts, to charge or fuel the equipment, as well as any hazards present at each job site.

Whether you will be using your utility vehicle for work or recreation is an important distinction to make when considering limitations and safety concerns. Although they look similar, most utility vehicles, or UTVs, on the market today fit into one category or the other and are designed for each application accordingly.

Utility vehicles have become standard equipment for construction jobsites from moving personnel to carrying materials, tools and debris around the site. In many cases, utility vehicles are among the first pieces of equipment needed on the job and they are among the last pieces of equipment to be called off the site. Safe operation and simple maintenance will keep these valuable worksite tools ready to work day after day under all kinds of conditions.