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# OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

This publication was developed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, in cooperation with the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management in an effort to promote consistent application of Off-Highway Vehicle laws throughout the State of California. The contents of this booklet are summaries of law and are not intended to be construed as complete or precise interpretations. For complete definitions, refer to the abridged or unabridged codes.



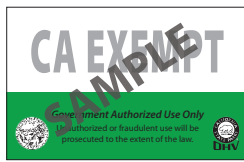
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- \* The CA Exempt decal produced by the OHMVR Division is intended for use on OHVs owned by governmental agencies in California. The decal is not a form of identification, is not numbered, and cannot be traced or tied to a specific OHV VIN. It carries no monetary value.

### §38001 - Division 16.5 – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV)

- Upon lands **other than a highway** that are open and accessible to the public.

#### Except:

- ⊘ Privately-owned and maintained parking facilities (unless by ordinance), or
- ⊘ Private lands under the immediate control of the owner of his or her agent, where permission is required and has been granted to operate a motor vehicle.
- For purposes of **Division 16.5**, the term “**highway**” does not include fire trails, logging roads, service roads regardless of surface composition, or other roughly graded trails and roads upon which vehicular travel by the public is permitted.

§38006(b) A motor vehicle registered under §4000, when operated on land to which Division 16.5 has application, is an "off-highway motor vehicle." See OHV Equipment Requirements.

# California Vehicle Code (CVC) Quick Reference Guide

## Special Notations

<b>F</b> = Felony	<b>M</b> = Misdemeanor	<b>I</b> = Infraction	<b>R</b> = Reference only, definition/authority (no cite)
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## General Provisions

I	31	Give knowingly false information to a peace officer
M	2800(a)	Disobey lawful order or inspection by peace officer (in uniform)
M	2800.1(a)	Attempt to evade pursuing peace officer in a distinctively marked vehicle
M	2800.2(a)	Attempt to evade pursuing peace officer in reckless manner
F	2800.3	Attempt to evade pursuing peace officer causing bodily injury or death
R	2806	Peace officer, having reasonable suspicion, may stop and inspect any vehicle for required equipment and test for appropriate function.

**GENERAL  
PROVISIONS**

**Registration/Identification (CVC)**

- R 4000(a)(1) Not applicable to properly identified OHV in parking facility
- R 4000(c) Not applicable to OHVs legally crossing highway 38025 or designated 28026.5
- R 38100 4458, 4460, 4461, 4462, 4463, 4464 **fully applicable** to OHVs
- I 4458 Vehicle owner must immediately report stolen plates to police
- R 4460 Authority for peace officer to seize suspended or erroneously issued plates/permits. Issue evidence receipt and return to DMV pending verdict.
- I 4461(a) Loan or allow improper use of plate, tab or permit
- I 4462(a) Driver of motor vehicle shall present evidence of registration or ID of any or all vehicles under immediate control upon demand.
- I 4462(b) Display or present registration or ID card, plate or permit for wrong vehicle or not lawfully used. (22651(o)(1)(b) authority for removal)
- M 4462.5 4462(b) with **intent** to avoid 4000 (not applicable to OHV Identification)
- F 4463(a)(1) Altered or forged registration/ID (for ID, reference CVC 38100)
- I 4464 Display license plate with altered mark (applies to OHV ID stickers)

- I 38020 OHV Registration/Identification required (not correctable; see California Vehicle Code §40610)
- I 38085(a) Owner shall maintain identification certificate with vehicle
- R 38087.5 CA DPR authorized to issue special **Nonresident OHV Operation Permit**
- I 38090 Lost or mutilated ID plate, owner shall immediately apply for duplicate
- I 38170(a) OHV ID not displayed (wrong vehicle, see 4462)
- I 38170(b) OHV ID must be securely fastened, clearly legible, no covering
- I 38170(c) OHV ID proper location: (1) motorcycle – left fork leg, visible from left; (2) sandrail/buggies – left quadrant of metal frame, visible from rear; (3) ATV – left rear quadrant on permanent plastic or frame member, visible from rear; (4) snowmobiles – left tunnel or back quadrant



**CA Green Sticker:** Unrestricted OHV identification plate issued by DMV to all pre-2003 model year, and 2003 model-year and later OHVs with “50 state” CARB certification for New Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Engine Emissions Standards (T13 CCR §2412), first adopted for 1997 and later models.

## REGISTRATION/ IDENTIFICATION



**CA Red Sticker:** Restricted OHV identification plate issued to 2003 and later model-year off-highway motorcycles and ATVs that do not meet CARB emissions standards. Red Sticker identification is not issued to UTVs, ROVs, buggies, carts, or specially constructed vehicles. (Riding Season information on page 28)

- "3" or "C" in the 8th digit of the VIN confirms **noncompliant status**. Model-year = 10th
- "U.S. EPA" only on Emissions Information Label confirms "49 state" California "non-compliance"
- Vehicles manufactured for competition use are generally exempted from emissions labeling, so the absence of emissions information can also indicate compliance status

I	38020 Red Sticker	Operate 2003 or later <b>Red Sticker</b> motorcycle or ATV outside of open season (Violation of T13 CCR §2412(f) and §2415). See <b>Emissions Violations on page 27</b> .
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### Special Antitheft Laws

M	10750(a)	Alter, deface or replace vehicle identification number (VIN)
M	10751(a)	Knowingly possess, sell or offer vehicle/parts with altered VIN
F	10802	Alter, obliterate, deface, or forge VIN



## Dealer Demo Permits

I	38020	OHV ID required for each OHV (dealer permit exempt to Red Sticker)
R	38021	(a) Dealer Special Permit – one per vehicle (b) dealer plate may be used for OHV
R	38087	DMV authorized to issue OHV Dealer Demo permits/plates
I	38390	Dealer demo NOT exempt from Green Sticker emissions regulations
I	38391	Dealer sell or offer for sale OHV emissions tampering equipment

## Dealer Special Plates

M	11713(j)	Misuse of dealer special plates – not permitted in §11715
R	11715(a)	One vehicle per special plate issued; may be used for OHV (§38021)
M	11715(f)	Registration card or copy for special plates must be kept with vehicle



Licensed Dealer (DLR)/Manufacturer (MFR) Plate

**NOTE:** Numbers are Dealer ID Numbers



**OCCUPATIONAL DEALER  
LICENSE NUMBER**

## LICENSED DEALERS



### DEALER/MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR SPECIAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE (CVC) SECTIONS 38021 AND 38087 TO:

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DEALER/MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR

OHV SPECIAL PERMIT NUMBER: **[Green Sticker Number]**

PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



THIS PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED WITH ACCOMPANYING STICKER WHEN USING OR OPERATING A SINGLE VEHICLE OFF-HIGHWAY OWNED OR LAWFULLY POSSESSED BY THE ABOVE NAMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERY, DEMONSTRATION, OR DISPLAY.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MUST ATTACH STICKER HERE

**[VALID ONLY WITH GREEN STICKER]**

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REFER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE USE/RESTRICTIONS OF THIS PERMIT AT STATE OHV PARKS TO:

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION (OHMVRD)

(916) 324-4442

E-MAIL: [OHVINFO@PARKS.CA.GOV](mailto:OHVINFO@PARKS.CA.GOV)

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**NOTE: Plate number will return "Record Not On File" in CLETS**

**LICENSED DEALERS**

## IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
MANUFACTURER IDENTIFIER			MAKE/MODEL/ENGINE/EMISSIONS					CHECK DIGIT		SEQ. PROD. NUMBER							
										MODEL YEAR							

NICB Passenger Vehicle ID Manual @ [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org)

## VIN Decoder – Model Year is coded in the 10th digit of the VIN

A	1980	N	1992	4	2004	G	2016	W	2028
B	1981	P	1993	5	2005	H	2017	X	2029
C	1982	R	1994	6	2006	J	2018	Y	2030
D	1983	S	1995	7	2007	K	2019	1	2031
E	1984	T	1996	8	2008	L	2020	2	2032
F	1985	V	1997	9	2009	M	2021	3	2033
G	1986	W	1998	A	2010	N	2022	4	2034
H	1987	X	1999	B	2011	P	2023	5	2035
J	1988	Y	2000	C	2012	R	2024	6	2036
K	1989	1	2001	D	2013	S	2025	7	2037
L	1990	2	2002	E	2014	T	2026	8	2038
M	1991	3	2003	F	2015	V	2027	9	2039

Passenger Vehicle ID Manual from NICB ([www.nicb.org/vinmanuals](http://www.nicb.org/vinmanuals))

## Nonresident OHV Registration

Visitors from out-of-state may comply with CVC §38020 for all vehicles in their immediate possession with valid identification or registration permits from their state of residence. (§38010(b)(10))



The Arizona "RV" Title Plate is evidence of a title of ownership for vehicles manufactured for off-highway use. This plate is NOT registration or a street license. (Not okay in California without Decal.)



The Arizona State Parks' OHV Decal is valid evidence of OHV Identification, when displayed on the "RV" title plate. This decal is issued to off-highway vehicles and should not be confused with highway license/registration. (Okay in California.)



Nevada OHV Registration includes a title of ownership which can be verified by VIN through CLETS. (Okay in California for OHV use.)



The **Oregon ATV Permit** is an operating permit and is not a title of ownership or registration. It does not represent evidence of residency or ownership. Residency of the owner/operator can be verified by a valid driver's license. (Okay in California for OHV use.)



A current California Nonresident OHV Use Permit is valid **ONLY** for a vehicle which is not identified or registered, that is owned or operated by a nonresident. A person who holds a valid driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction is presumed to be a nonresident. (§38010(b)(6))

I 38020

Registration in a foreign jurisdiction by a California resident or a California-based vehicle is not valid, nor eligible for reciprocity. (§38013, §4000.4)

## OHV On Highway

- R 38025 A properly identified OHV may cross two-lane highway at 90 degree angle where it is safe
- I 38026.5(b) **Combined Use Highway Restrictions** (can be referenced or cited)
- (1) During hours of darkness
  - (2) Without functioning stoplight (24603)
  - (3) Rubber tires required (27501(b), T13 CCR 1082)
  - (4) Valid license of the appropriate class for vehicle (12500(a) and (b))
  - (5) Proof of financial responsibility required in possession (16028(a))
- I 4000(a)(1) OHV using highway – NOT correctable; cannot comply §40610(b)(3)
- R Except, identified OHV may be driven, moved, or left standing in public off-street parking
- I 24002(b) Operate vehicle upon a highway not equipped as required in the CVC
- R 12501(d) Drivers license exempt for OHV legally crossing highway (§38025)



## Driver's License

R	12500	Driver's license required ONLY upon highway (suspensions applicable to OHV on public lands)
M	14601(a)	Drive when suspended or revoked for reckless, negligent operator
M	14601.1(a)	Drive when suspended for reasons not related to driving ability
M	14601.2(a)	Drive when suspended or revoked for §23152 or §23153 conviction
M	14601.2(b)	Drive in violation of <b>license restrictions</b> (confirm "knowingly")
M	14601.3(a)	<b>Habitual traffic offender</b> drive <i>while</i> suspended or revoked
M	14601.4(a)	Drive motor vehicle while suspended for DUI and cause injury
M	14601.5(a)	Drive while suspended for refusal of BAC test (§13353)
R	14601(f)	Applies to public OHV lands

## Accidents and Accident Reports

R	16001.1	<b>Reportable OHV incident</b> = involving registered vehicle and damages >\$1,000 or injury to any person, except property damage owner only
M/F	20001(a)	<b>Hit and run injury</b> , knowingly flee (felony if serious injury or death)

## OFF-HIGHWAY OPERATION

- M 20002(a) **Hit and run property damage**, knowingly flee, safe location okay
- M 20003 (a) Driver involved in injury collision must provide ID; (b) occupants – must provide ID if requested
- I 20004 Failure to immediately report collision fatality to law enforcement

### Rules of the Road (Sections specifically applicable to Off-Highway)

- I 21720 Operate **pocket bike** (§473) on highway, path, **trail or public lands**
- I 23123(a) Drive motor vehicle while **using telephone**, unless hands-free
- I 23123.5(a) Drive motor vehicle while **texting** or operate other wireless device
- I 23124(b) Person under 18 years drive motor vehicle using wireless communication device
- M 23127 Operate motor vehicle on marked **hiking/horse trail** or bicycle path

### Off-Highway Operation/Safety Violations

- I 38020 Operate 2003 and later **Red Sticker** motorcycle or ATV **outside of open area/season** (violation of T13 CCR §2412(f) and §2415); see **Emissions Violations on page 27**
- I 38300 Driver disobey lawfully maintained sign or device other than highway

- I 38301(a) Operate any vehicle off-highway in violation of special regulations. This can be used to **reference federal codes** related to vehicle operation in USFS and BLM lands into county courts.
- I/M 38301.3 Unlawful entry to wilderness area with vehicle
- I 38302 Unlawful to place unauthorized sign, signal or traffic control device for OHV traffic
- I 38304 Operator must be able to reach and operate controls to safely operate vehicle
- I 38304.1 Parent or guardian shall not allow child under 14 to violate §38304
- I 38305 **Operate OHV at unsafe speed** or endanger others or property
- R 38310 Prima facie speed limit 15 mph within 50 feet of camp or group of people
- I 38312 **Unsafe start** from stop with OHV; before it is reasonably safe
- I 38314 **Unsafe turning movements** with OHV
- M 38316(a) **Reckless driving OHV** with willful and wanton disregard for safety
- M 38317 **Reckless driving OHV** proximately causing injury to any person
- M 38318(a) Throwing any substance at occupant of an OHV
- F 38318(b) Throw object capable of serious bodily harm or shoot at an OHV
- M 38318.5(a) Malicious removal or alteration of trail, sign or marker

## OFF-HIGHWAY OPERATION

## ATV OPERATION

- F 38318.5(b) Malicious erection of trap to cause great bodily injury
- M 38319 Operate OHV in a manner likely to cause **resource damage** (driver or owner)
- M 38320(a) **Littering** trash or dangerous substance or drive, aid or abet
- M 38320(b) **Illegal dumping** of rocks or dirt, off-highway on public or private land

### ATV Operation (Applicable on public lands only)

- R 111 "All-Terrain Vehicle" is an OHV suspended on three or more low pressure tires, up to 50" wide, up to 900 pounds, with single straddle style seat (saddle) and handle bar steering control
- I 38503 Operator under 18 must comply with one of the following:
  - (a) While taking a prescribed ATV safety course
  - (b) Under direct supervision of adult with ASI certificate
  - (c) Possession of appropriate ASI certificate
- I 38504 Operator under 14 must comply with §38503 and be supervised by an adult
- I 38504.1(a) Parent or supervising adult allow ATV operation in violation of § 38504
- I 38505 Helmet required – may not operate or ride on ATV without §27802 (DOT) helmet on public lands

- I 38506 Operate ATV with passenger (except two passenger designed by manufacturer)
- R 40610(d) ATV Safety Certificate violations are CORRECTABLE .  
Notice to appear date – **allow 90 days.**
- ATV Safety Institute (ASI) class – (800) 887-2887
  - To verify certificates call (M-F) – (800) 776-7620



## ROV Operation (Applicable on public lands only)

- R 500 "Recreational off-highway vehicle" = all of the following criteria:  
(a) designed primarily for off-highway use; (b) steering wheel control; (c) nonstraddle manufacturer seating for all passengers; (d)(1) top speed greater than 30 mph; (2) or modified for greater than 30 mph; (e) manufactured with engine less than 1,000cc (61ci).
- I 38600 Operator shall be at least 16, or directly supervised by parent or other authorized adult in the vehicle
- I 38601 Operator allow any passenger without DOT helmet (§27802) (can only cite driver)
- I 38602 ROV in motion all passengers wear seat belt (any occupant can be cited)

## SNOW

- I 38603(a) Operator allow passenger not in manufacturer seat (2014 later ROVs) (can only cite driver)
- R 38603(b) Aftermarket passenger seats allowed 2013 and older ROV as long as passenger is contained within rollover protection at all times
- I 38604(a) Operator allows passenger unable to reach handhold with back against seat (can only cite driver)

## Snowmobile Operation

- R 557 A “**snowmobile**” aka Over the Snow Vehicle (OSV) is an off-highway motor vehicle designed to travel over ice or snow on skis, belts, or cleats
- R 38025(a) A properly identified snowmobile may be operated or drive upon a highway that has been closed to highway vehicles and the roadway is not maintained by snow removal equipment
- I 23128(a) Operate on highway except as provided in §38025
- I 23128(b) Operate in careless or negligent manner to endanger a person or property
- I 23128(c) Operate for the purpose of pursuing game animals to harass
- I 23128(d) Operate in violation of Penal Code §602 (criminal trespass)

## Sno-PARK Parking Permit – Public Resources Code (PRC)

I 5091.15(a) Parking in Sno-PARK during posted season **without valid permit** displayed

## Alcohol Violations (Applicable On and Off-Highway)

- M 14601.2(a) Drive motor vehicle when suspended or revoked for DUI conviction
- M 14601.2(b) Drive motor vehicle in violation of license restrictions (probation)
- M 14601.4(a) Drive motor vehicle while suspended for DUI causing injury
- M 14601.5(a) Drive motor vehicle while suspended for refusal of BAC test (13353)
- I 23136(a) Driver under 21 with BAC of .01% or greater (*DS-367M, Admin Per Se*)
- I 23140(a) Driver under 21 with BAC of .05% or greater
- M 23152(a) Drive under the influence of alcohol (objective signs and symptoms)
- M 23152(b) Drive any vehicle with BAC .08% or greater
- M 23152(c) Drug addict drive vehicle (except in licensed treatment program)
- M 23152(d) Drive **commercial motor vehicle** with BAC .04% or more
- M 23152(e) Drive motor vehicle with **passenger for hire** and BAC .04% of more

- M 23152(f) Drive a vehicle **under the influence of any drug**
- M 23152(g) Drive under the influence of a **combination of alcohol and any drug**
- F 23153(a) Drive under the influence and cause **negligent injury to another**
- F 23153(b) Drive vehicle with BAC .08% and cause **negligent injury to another**
- F 23153(d) Drive **commercial vehicle** with BAC .04% **causing negligent injury**
- F 23153(e) Drive **passenger for hire** with BAC .04% or more causing injury
- F 23153(f) Drive vehicle under influence of any drug **causing injury to another**
- F 23153(g) Drive vehicle under influence of alcohol/drug combo **causing injury**
- I 23154(a) Drive motor vehicle on DUI probation with BAC  $\geq$  .01% (*Admin Per Se*)
- I 23220(a) Drive motor vehicle and drink alcohol or ingest marijuana in OHV area
- I 23220(b) Passenger in motor vehicle drink or ingest marijuana in OHV area
- I 23222(a) Drive motor vehicle with **open alcohol container** (highway or OHV area)
- I 23222(b) Drive motor vehicle with **loose cannabis or opened container**
- I 23223(a) **Driver in motor vehicle** with **open alcohol container** (highway or OHV area)



- I 23223(b) **Passenger in motor vehicle with open container** (highway or OHV area)
- M 23224(a) **Driver under 21 with alcohol container** in vehicle
- M 23224(b) **Passenger under 21 possess any alcohol container** in vehicle
- I 23225(a)(1) Registered owner of vehicle allow open container in occupied area other than trunk
- R 23225(a)(3) If vehicle is OHV, container must be pad locked for exception
- R 23225(b) Also applicable to driver if registered owner not present
- R 23225(c) Not applicable to living area of a housecar (motorhome) or camper
- I 23226 (a) Driver allow **opened container** in compartment; (b) passenger
- M 23247 (a) **DUI interlock:** lend (b), solicit (c), activate for (d), tamper (e) without

## Storage Authority

- 22651(h) (1) Driver arrested; (2) officer serves notice of suspension for DUI
- 23224(c) Driver under 21 is R/O and cited for §23224(a) or (b)

## Authority to Remove Vehicles

- 14602.6 Driver suspended/revoked, restricted without interlock device, or drivers license never issued (§12500); May 30-day impound without arrest if collision
- 22651(b) Upon highway obstructing traffic or causing traffic hazard
- 22651(c) Upon highway or public lands, reported stolen or embezzled
- 22651(g) Upon highway or public lands, driver injured or incapacitated or unable to remove
- 22651(o)(1) (C) Displaying altered, forged, counterfeit, or falsified identification card, special plate, registration sticker, or permit. (§4463(a))
- 22651(p) Driver cited for §12500, §14601, or §14604 (release requires valid drivers license)
- 22653 From private property (a) reported stolen; property owner's (b) permission, (c) request
- 22655.3 For investigation of pursuit/evading officer and driver abandoned
- 22655.5 (a) **Probable cause** vehicle used as means of offense (b) contains evidence
- 22669(a) **Abatement:** abandoned (§22523) public or private property (d) dismantled

## OHV Equipment

- R 38001(b) OHV equipment requirements apply to passenger vehicles operated in OHV areas
- I 38330 Operate OHV in unsafe condition or not equipped as required
- I 38355(a) **OHV functional service brake:** one required
- I 38366(a) **Spark arrester** in effective and operable condition **required** to use, operate or allow use of OHV on forest/brush/grass covered land; violation for owner to allow
- R Registered vehicles: exception for unmodified factory system; applicable to modified system not meeting §27150
- I 38366(b) Spark arrester mounted to allow flame/heat to ignite flammable material
- R 38366(c) Spark arrester is nonflammable device that removes and retains particles over 0.0232 of an inch from exhaust flow or is a USFS qualified device
- R 38366(d) Except organized racing events upon a closed course (§38014)
- I 38375 (a) **OHV equipped with siren;** (b) OHV driver unlawful use of siren

## OHV EQUIPMENT

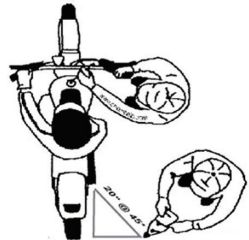
## OFF-HIGHWAY LIGHTING/SOUND

### Off-Highway Lighting

- I 38335 **OHV lighting** one white forward headlamp effective to 200 feet, dusk to dawn
- I 38345 **OHV lighting** red tail lamp clearly visible dusk to dawn
- I 38346 **OHV warning lights** flashing or steady red or blue, unlawful display

### Sound

- I 38365(a) **OHV adequate muffler:** equipped at all times with adequate muffler to meet §38370 (except sanctioned competition on closed course, §38014)
- R 38370(h)(1) OHV maximum noise level of OHVs is not more than **96 dBA** measured at 20 inches by **SAE J-1287 test**. (Not more than 101 dBA for competitive vehicles prior to 1998 model-year or all other OHVs prior to 1986 model-year.)
- I 27150(b) **Passenger vehicle adequate muffler** required when off-highway (SAE J1169 test @ 95 dBA)



## Emissions Equipment/Violations

- I 38020 OHV operated in violation of **Red Sticker Season**. Violation of T13 CCR 2412(f), 2415. Mark  
Red Sticker "NOT CORRECTABLE" (CVC §40303.5)
- R T13 CCR 2412(f) Off-highway motorcycles and ATVs that do not meet Green Sticker emissions standards may only operate during T13 CCR 2415 schedule (see page 28 for riding seasons)
- R T13 CCR 2415 Model year 2003 and later, §2412(f) vehicles operate only during schedule
- I 38390 1978 up OHV in condition of readiness with tampered emissions equipment (applies §27156  
Green Sticker to highway vehicles in OHV areas (§38006(b))
- I 38391 Install, sell, or advertise OHV emissions tampering devices
- R 38392 Maximum fine required if court finds **willful violation** (note in report)
- I 38393 Unlawful operation of OHV after notice by officer (emissions equipment)
- R 40610 Registration, equipment and lighting requirements shall be cited "correctable" unless the officer finds evidence of fraud, persistent neglect or immediate safety hazard
- M 40616 Willful violation of promise to correct or deliver proof of correction to court (document notification on all correctable citations)

### EMISSIONS

## RED STICKER RIDING SCHEDULE

### Red Sticker Riding Schedule (Dates shown are open to OHV recreation)

Model year 2003 and later off-highway motorcycles and ATVs that are noncompliant are permitted to operate in public OHV operating areas only during the applicable riding seasons noted.

#### State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA)

Clay Pit	Sep 1 – Jun 30
Mammoth Bar	Year round
Prairie City	Oct 1 – Apr 30
Carnegie	Oct 1 – Apr 30
Hollister Hills	Oct 1 – May 31
Oceano Dunes	Year round
Hungry Valley	Oct 1 – Apr 30
Ocotillo Wells	Oct 1 – May 31
Heber Dunes	Year Round

#### Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

##### Northern California

Samoa Dunes	Year round
Chappie-Shasta OHV	Oct 1 – Jun 30
Fort Sage OHV Area	Year round

#### United States Forest Service (USFS)

##### Shasta-Trinity National Forest

McCloud Area	Year round
Hayfork Area	Year round

##### Plumas National Forest

Deadman Springs, Snake Lake	Year round
Big Creek, Four Trees, French Creek	Year round
Cleghorn Bar, Poker Flat	Year round
Gold Lake	Year round
Dixie Mountain	Year round

##### Mendocino National Forest

Lake Pillsbury	Year round
Elk Mountain Area	Year round
Davis Flat	Year round

Huntington Lake	Oct 1 – May 31
Eastwood	Oct 1 – May 31
Shaver Lake Area	Oct 1 – May 31
Kings River, Pineridge	Oct 1 – May 31
Quail Flat	Oct 1 – May 31

##### Sequoia National Forest

Frog Meadow Area	Oct 1 – May 31
Tule River Area	Oct 1 – May 31
Kennedy Meadows	Year round

##### Inyo National Forest

Poleta	Year round
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##### Los Padres National Forest

Black Mountain	Year round
Ballinger Canyon	Oct 1 – April 30
Alamo Mountain	Oct 1 – April 30
Santa Barbara	Oct 1 – April 30
Ortega Trail	Oct 1 – April 30

South Cow Mountain Area Year round  
 Knoxville Recreation Area Year round

### **Bakersfield District**

Clear Creek Management. Oct 1 – May 31  
 Bishop Resource Area Year round

### **California Desert District**

Olancha Dunes Year round  
 Jawbone Canyon/ Sep 1 – May 31  
 Dove Springs

Spangler Hills Sep 1 – May 31  
 Dumont Dunes Year round

El Mirage Oct 1 – Apr 30

Stoddard Valley Sep 1 – May 31

Razor Sep 1 – May 31

Johnson Valley Sep 1 – May 31

Eastern Mojave Desert Areas Year round

Parker Strip Year round

Colorado Desert Areas Oct 1 – Apr 30

Lark Canyon Oct 1 – Apr 30

Arroyo Salado Oct 1 – May 31

Superstition Mountain Oct 1 – May 31

Plaster City Oct 1 – May 31

Imperial Dunes-Mammoth Wash Year round

Imperial Dunes-Glamis/Gecko Year round

Imperial Dunes-Buttercup Valley Year round

### **Tahoe National Forest**

Downieville Area Year round

Foresthill OHV Area Year round

China Wall Year round

Nevada City District Areas Year round

Fordyce Year round

Sierraville Area Year round

Truckee District Area Year round

Prosser Hills Area Year round

### **Lake Tahoe Basin Management**

Kings Beach Year round

### **Eldorado National Forest**

Mace Mill, Rock Creek Year round

Barrett Lake Year round

### **Stanislaus National Forest**

Corral Hollow, Spicer Year round

Niagara Ridge Area Year round

Crandall Peek, Deer Creek Oct 1 – May 31

Hunter Creek Oct 1 – May 31

Hull/Trout Creek Oct 1 – May 31

Date Flat, Moore Creek Oct 1 – May 31

### **Sierra National Forest**

Hite Cove Oct 1 – May 31

Miami Motorcycle Trails Oct 1 – May 31

### **Angeles National Forest**

Drinkwater Flats Oct 1 – April 30

Rowher Flat Oct 1 – April 30

Littlerock Oct 1 – April 30

San Gabriel Oct 1 – April 30

### **San Bernardino National Forest**

Lytle Creek Area Oct 1 – April 30

Lake Arrowhead Area Oct 1 – April 30

Big Bear Lake Area Oct 1 – April 30

San Jacinto Area Oct 1 – May 31

### **Cleveland National Forest**

Wildomar Oct 1 – April 30

Corral Canyon Oct 1 – April 30

### **Other Jurisdictions**

Eugene Chappie OHV Park Year round

Metcalf Motorcycle Park Oct 1 – April 30

Frank Raines-OHV Park Oct 1 – April 30

La Grange Oct 1 – April 30

Park Moabi Year round

## PENAL CODE

### Penal Code (PEN)

M	369g(a)	Unauthorized vehicle upon railroad right-of-way
M/F	470(d)	Forged document or receipt for evidence of ownership of vehicle
M	374c	Shoot firearm from or upon a public road or highway
M	402(a)	(1) Impede emergency personnel at the scene of an emergency; (2) includes operation of unmanned aerial vehicles/drones
M	428	Obstruct public officer in collection of state funds
M/F	452(a)	<b>Reckless fire</b> resulting in burning of structure or land; (b) Inhabited
M	470(d)	Forgery: includes documents of ownership, vehicle certificate of title
M	537(a)	(1) Defrauding an innkeeper: includes campgrounds: (2) \$950 or greater
M	602(n)	Trespass: drive vehicle upon property known to be not open to public
M/F	25850(a)	Carry loaded firearm on person or in vehicle in any public place
M/F	26100(1)(a)	Driver/owner knowingly permit unlawful firearm in vehicle
M/F	26100(1)(b)	Willful and malicious discharge of firearm from a motor vehicle



## Health and Safety Code (H&S)

M	12671	Possess, sell, or use fireworks not certified by Fire Marshal as “safe and sane”
M/F	12677	Possess, sell, or use dangerous fireworks (100 lbs) defined in §12505 or listed by Fire Marshal
M	12679	Store or discharge fireworks within 100 feet of combustible liquids
M	12680(a)	Place, throw, discharge or ignite, or fire dangerous <b>fireworks at or near any person</b> or group of persons with the intent of creating chaos, fear, or panic
M	12684	Unlawful use of emergency signal device
M	12689(a)	Give [legal] fireworks to person under 18; (b) retailer sell to under 16
M	41800	<b>Burning toxic</b> material (petroleum wastes, demolition debris, tires, tar, trees, wood waste, other combustible, or flammable solid or liquid waste; motor vehicle bodies

**Fish and Game Code (FGC)**

M	2000(a)	Unlawful take of animal; (b) possession with means is evidence
M	2006(a)	Loaded long gun in any vehicle along public roadways
M	3002	Shoot at game animal from any boat, motor vehicle or plane
M	3003.5	Pursue any bird or mammal with a motor vehicle
M	3004(a)	Discharge firearm or arrow 150 yards of occupied dwelling;
M	3004(b)	Unsafe discharge of firearm across public road or trail
M	5652(a)	Deposit waste or abandon vehicle within 150 feet of high water mark

## Protection of Forests – Public Resources Code (PRC)

- M 4421 Set or cause fire to any forest, brush, or flammable material on land other than legal owner or agent.
- M 4432 Leave campfire unextinguished unless attended or properly contained. Allow campfire to spread.
- M 4433 Light, maintain, or use campfire without permit, except in properly established campsite. Valid USFS campfire permit required on National Forest lands.
- M 4435 Causing fire through negligent operation of equipment. Occurrence is prima facie evidence.

## Specific to California State Park Units

### Title 14 California Code of Regulations (T14 CCR) – All units of the State Park System

- R 4300(e) Authority of any peace officer with concurrent jurisdiction to eject violators for the rest of the day without citation
- M 4352 Operation of OHVs prohibited, except in designated areas
- M 4353(a) Speed limit 15 mph in camps, headquarters, and areas of public assembly
- M 4354 Negligent or willful vehicle operation to pursue, harass, endanger, or injure any person or animal. Includes motor vehicle, off-highway vehicle, and bicycle.
- M 4355 Operate, drive, use, leave, park, place, or stop a vehicle off-road within a park unit.
- M 4355(a) Or in violation of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions in a park unit.
- M 4355(b) Or in violation of any regulation contained herein (T14 CCR).



### **Driver's License in Off-Highway Units (All SVRAs or SRAs with designated areas)**

- M 4610(a) Unlicensed driver shall be accompanied and supervised at all times by licensed driver who must be in, on, or about the vehicle being operated. No more than three at a time.
- M 4610(b) Unlicensed driver must be capable of reaching and operating all vehicle control mechanisms (CVC §38304 and §38304.1(a)) and is prohibited from operating vehicle during night-time hours or outside designated off-highway vehicle area (CVC §12500 may apply).

### **Oceano Dunes SVRA/Pismo State Beach**

- I/M 4609(a) (1) Vehicle use outside designated boundary; (2) Towing prohibited, except other vehicle or trailer; (3) 8 foot whip and flag – all vehicles operated recreationally; (4) Safety roll cage required for dune operation, except for motorcycles and ATVs
- I/M 4609(b) Unsafe speed for prevailing conditions
- I/M 4609(c) Vehicle operation endangering health and safety of a minor
- I/M 4609(d) Allow operation by minor endangering health and safety

## Specific To U.S. Forest Service (For use by Federal officers only)



### Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (T36 CFR)

State Peace Officers may cite CVC §38301(a) referencing appropriate CFR section (for vehicle operations only).

#### Property

- 251.50(a) Group use, event, or commercial use **without special use permit.**
- 261.9(a) **Damaging any natural feature** or other property of the United States
- 261.9(c) **Damaging any plant** that is classified as a threatened, endangered, sensitive, rare, or unique species

#### Occupancy and Use

- 261.10(a) **Construct/maintain** any road/trail w/o special use authorization
- 261.10(f) Placing a vehicle or other object in such a manner that is an **impediment or hazard** to the safety or convenience of any person
- 261.58(bb) **Open Alcoholic Container** (Reg. Order #98-1) and minor in possession.
- 261.58(g) **Parking** a vehicle in violation of posted order

## National Forest System Roads/Trails

261.12(c)            **Damaging**/leaving damage on any road/trail

261.12(d)            **Blocking/restricting** use of road/trail

## Motor Vehicle Use

261.13            Possess/operate motor vehicle **off designated route** after identified on a “motor vehicle use map”

## Use by Over-Snow Vehicles

261.14            Possess/operate **over-snow vehicle** in violation or prohibition (after identified on an “over-snow motor vehicle use map”) of 36 CFR 212, subpart C

## Use of Vehicles Off-Road

261.15(b)            Without an operable **braking system** (§39355(a))

261.15(c)            **Operating** in hours of **darkness** w/o lights (§38335, §38345)

261.15(d)            Violation of any **Federal (USFS or EPA) or State noise standards** (§38365)

261.15(e)            While **under the influence** of alcohol or drugs (§23152)

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- 261.15(f)      Creating **excessive or unusual smoke**
- 261.15(g)      **Reckless driving** (§38316)
- 261.15(h)      **Damaging/disturbing land/wildlife/vegetation** (§38319)
- 261.15(i)      In **violation of state law** established for vehicles used off-roads (see Division 16.5)
- 261.56          Use of vehicles **off National Forest System Roads** – Prohibited when provided by an order

**Developed Recreation Sites**

- 261.16(m)      **Operating or parking a motor vehicle** or trailer except in places developed or designated for this purpose
- 261.16(n)      **Operating a bicycle, motorbike, or motor-cycle** on a trail unless designated for this use
- 261.16(o)      **Operating a motorbike, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle** for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site.

**National Forest Wilderness**

- 261.18(a)      Possessing/using a **motor vehicle** without authorization (§38301.3)



## Pacific Crest Trail

261.20 Using **motor vehicle** without special use authorization

## National Forest Primitive Areas

261.21(b) Possessing/using **motorized equipment**

## Fire Restrictions (When Provided by a U.S. Forest Service Order)

261.52(j) Operating engine without properly maintained and USFS qualified **spark arrester (Reg. Ord. #91-01)**

261.52(h) Operating an **internal combustion engine**. Limits OHV use when provided by an order.

## National Forest System Roads (When Provided by an Order)

261.54(a)/(b) Operating a vehicle on any **road posted as closed** to traffic or restricted to use by traffic

261.54(d) Operating or possessing a motor vehicle on National Forest Systems roads **in violation of state law** established for vehicles used on roads (Regional Order #13-01, see 38000 section of the CVC)

261.54(f) **Reckless** operation of vehicle

## **Wilderness Restriction (When Provided By An Order)**

261.57(h) Possessing/using **vehicle in wilderness** (Regional Order #88-03)

## Specific To BLM (for use by Federal officers only)



### Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (T43 CFR)

State Peace Officers may cite CVC §38301(a) referencing appropriate CFR section (for vehicle operations only).

#### Property and Resources

- 8365.1-5(a)(1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove, or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area
- 8365.1-5(a)(2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources except as permitted
- 2932.57(a)(1) **Group, event, commercial, competitive, or special area use without a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) or fail to pay required fees** (motor vehicle races, rallies, appreciation days, etc.)
- 2932.57(a)(2) **Violating stipulations or conditions** of an issued SRP
- 2932.57(a)(3) **Knowingly participate** in an event or activity if BLM has not issued an SRP
- 2932.57(a)(4) **Failing to post copy** of commercial or competitive SRP
- 2932.57(a)(5) **Failing to show copy** of SRP to BLM employee or participant

- 2932.57(a)(6)      **Obstructing or impeding** pedestrians or vehicles or harass visitors with physical contact in connection with SRP activity or event
- 2932.57(a)(7)      **Refusing to leave** or disperse after lawful order by BLM, State or local law enforcement with or without an SRP

### Occupancy And Use

- 8364.1(d)      Violation of **closure or restriction** order
- 8365.1-1(b)(1)      **Littering** (cans, bottles, other nonflammable trash)
- 8365.1-1(b)(2)      **Littering** (flammable trash or garbage)
- 8365.1-1(b)(3)      **Drain or dump** refuse or waste (other than wash water) from trailer or other vehicle
- 8365.1-2(b)      **Unattended personal belongings** longer than 10 days unless authorized
- 8365.1-3(a)      **Speeding, willfully endangering** persons or property, or act in a **reckless, careless** or **negligent** manner while operating motor vehicle
- 8365.1-3(b)      **Seatbelt required** for driver and front seat passenger of motor vehicle (OEM)
- 8365.1-4(a)(1)      Making **unreasonable noise**

- 8365.1-4(a)(2) **Creating a hazard or nuisance**
- 8365.1-6 **Violate established Supplementary Rules** (area specific)
- 8365.1-6 **Open alcoholic container** in motor vehicle or **minor in possession** (CA statewide)

### **Off-Road Vehicle Use**

- 8341.1(b) **Operating off designated routes or trails** in limited use area
- 8341.1(c) **Operating** in area or trail **closed to motor vehicle use**
- 8341.1(d) **Operating in violation of state laws and regulations** relating to use, standards, registration, operation, and inspection (assimilate California Vehicle Code Section)
- 8341.1(e) **Operating without a valid license** as required by state law
- 8341.1(f)(1) **Reckless, Careless or Negligent Driving**
- 8341.1(f)(2) **Speeding**
- 8341.1(f)(3) **DUI** (alcohol, narcotics, or dangerous drugs)
- 8341.1(f)(4) **Operating in a manner causing, or likely to cause significant, undue damage to or disturbance of the soil, wildlife, wildlife habitat, improvements, cultural, or vegetative resources**

- 8341.1(f)(5)      **Operating** in hours of **darkness** without headlight and taillight
- 8341.1(g)      Failing to **yield right-of-way** to pedestrians and animals (saddle horses, pack trains, etc.)
- 8343.1(a)      **Brakes** required
- 8343.1(b)      **Muffler** required
- 8343.1(c)      **Spark arrester** required when posted
- 8343.1(d)      **Headlight and taillight standards** for nighttime operation: (1) Headlight illuminates 300 feet to the front; (2) Red Taillight illuminates 500 feet to the rear
- 8351.11(a)      **Operating** along a **national scenic trail** except as authorized

### **Developed Recreation Sites and Areas**

- 8365.2-2(a)      Making unreasonable noise from audio device or motorized equipment that disturbs others
- 8365.2-3(a)      Parking any trailer except in places developed or designated for this purpose
- 8365.2-3(b)      Leaving personal property unattended for more than 24 hours in a day use area or 72 hours in other areas

- 8365.2-3(d)      Entering campground at night when not occupant or visitor
- 8365.2-4      Driving a motor vehicle except in places developed or designated for this purpose

### **BLM Wilderness Restriction**

- 6302.20(d)      Using a motor vehicle without authorization

## DEFINITIONS

### **Definitions** (Definitions are for general reference only & are not legal definitions.)

**ATV** – “All-Terrain Vehicle” (CVC §111) is an OHV suspended on three or more low pressure tires, up to 50” wide, up to 900 pounds, with a single straddle style seat (saddle) and handle bar steering control.

**ATV safety training** – for safe and responsible use of all-terrain vehicles approved by the Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Education Committee. Certificate of completion required for minors (page 18). See ATV Safety Institute [www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org), 1-800-877-2887.

**Closed Course** – is a defined route of travel on or off a highway that is closed to all motor vehicles other than those of participants. A closed course is one which is not available at any time for vehicular access by the general public. (CVC §38314)

Closed course competition event means any organized competition event covering an enclosed, repeated or confined route intended for easy viewing of the entire route by all spectators. (CFR 40 §205.151(11))

**Combined Use Highway** – CVC §38026 authorizes a process for local land management authorities to designate portions of highway under their jurisdiction as open to limited use by off-highway motor vehicles in order to provide a “connecting link between” OHV facilities. Official designation involves CHP review for safety, the posting of DOT signs and is generally limited to segments no more than three miles. This process does not



preclude locally maintained non-arterial, primitive, unmaintained “roads” from being designated “other than a highway” by ordinance as “open to OHV use.”

### **CVC** – California Vehicle Code

**Dual Registration** – California residents have the option of maintaining both highway registration and off-highway identification for a single vehicle. Identification is not required for properly registered vehicles (CVC §38010), and issued plates must be displayed at all times (CVC §5200, §38170).

**Dual Sport** – A category of motorcycle which is designed for off-highway use and is intended to be “street legal”. Licensing for highway use in California requires manufacturer certification of equipment standards, including 50 State emissions.

**Electric Bicycle** – An “electric bicycle” is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts.

- A “class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- A “class 2 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed throttle-assisted” electric bicycle, is equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

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- A “class 3 electric bicycle,” or “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour, and equipped with a speedometer.
- Electric bicycles manufactured after January 1, 2017, shall have labels permanently affixed containing the classification, top assisted speed, and motor wattage of the electric bicycle. (CVC §312.5(a) and (c))

**Golf car** – Not to be confused with “golf cart”, see LSV.

**Golf Cart** – A “golf cart” is a motor vehicle having not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, having an unladen weight less than 1,300 pounds, which is designed to be and is operated at not more than 15 miles per hour and designed to carry golf equipment and not more than two persons, including the driver (CVC §345). A golf cart is a vehicle used to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course, and is not used for grounds keeping and maintenance purposes (T13 CCR §2411).

**Green/Red Sticker** – Term for CA DMV issued **OHV Identification Plates** for vehicles that are not registered because they are to be used exclusively off the highways. Also referred to as “identification”, stickers are individually numbered, featuring tamper resistant adhesive backing which indicates “VOID” if removed. A title of ownership is issued and provisions of registration fraud apply (see 38100).

**Highway** – is a way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Highway includes street (CVC §360). “Highway” also includes bike paths (CVC §231.5), sidewalks (CVC §555), shoulders and other portions of the public “right-of-way” outside of the “roadway.”

**LSV** – A “low-speed vehicle” is a motor vehicle that has four wheels, capable of 20 to 25 mph, has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds. AKA, “neighborhood electric vehicle.” A LSV is a highway vehicle which must conform to specified lighting and equipment requirements, and is restricted to roadways up to 35 mph posted speed limit. LSV may also be referred to as a “golf car”.

**Motorcycle** – is a motor vehicle with a saddle and not more than three wheels in contact with the ground (CVC §400). “Motorcycle” includes “motor-driven cycle,” “motor scooter” and “off-highway motorcycle,” but excludes low-speed parking enforcement vehicles.

**Motor-driven Cycle** – is any motorcycle with a motor displacing less than 150cc (CVC §405). A motor-driven cycle does not include a motorized bicycle, as defined by CVC §406.

**Motorized scooter** – is any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, a floorboard designed to be stood upon while riding, and is powered by an electric motor or other source of propulsion, and is not a motorcycle or moped (CVC §407.5). A motorized scooter is not a motor vehicle for the purposes of registration and insurance, but a valid driver’s license is required and operation is restricted (CVC §21235).

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**Motor Scooter** – means a motorcycle that has a step-through architecture lower in height than the operator’s seat (49 CFR §571.123 S4).

**Moped** – A “motorized bicycle” is a motor vehicle having fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an automatic transmission and motor that produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and a maximum speed not more than 30 mph on level ground (CVC §406). A motorized bicycle operated upon a highway is exempt from registration (CVC §4020), but must be identified by and display a special plate (CVC §5030).

**Motor vehicle** – is a vehicle that is self-propelled (CVC §415). The following are NOT motor vehicles: motorized personal assistive devices used by disabled persons, bicycles (CVC §231), and unmodified pedal-assist electric bicycles (CVC §312.5, §24016(b)).

**Muffler** – is a device designed for the purpose to receive exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine, and effective in reducing noise (CVC §425).

**MVUM** – Motor Vehicle Use Map (published by USFS specific to National Forests)

**NEV** – “neighborhood electric vehicle” see LSV.

**OHM** – Off-Highway Motorcycle

**OHV** – “off-highway motor vehicle” is a motor vehicle designed primarily for off-highway use. OHV includes highway registered vehicles when operated on lands subject to CVC §38001.

**ORV** – “off-road vehicle” is a term used by other states to refer to OHV

**OSV** – “over snow vehicle”, see “snowmobile.”

**Passenger vehicle** – is any motor vehicle, other than a motortruck, truck tractor, or a bus, as defined in Section 233, and used or maintained for the transportation of persons. The term “passenger vehicle” shall include a housecar (CVC §465).

**Public lands** – include lands held in the public trust.

**Quad** – slang term for ATV.

**Resident** – means any person who manifests an intent to live or be located in this state on more than a temporary or transient basis. Presence in the state for six months or more in any 12-month period gives rise to a rebuttable presumption of residency. The following are evidence of residency for purposes of vehicle registration: (a) Address where registered to vote. (b) Location of employment or place of business. (c) Payment of resident tuition at a public institution of higher education. (d) Attendance of dependents at a primary or secondary school. (e) Filing a homeowner’s property tax exemption. (f) Renting or leasing a home for use as a residence. (g) Declaration of residency to obtain a license or any other privilege or benefit not ordinarily extended to a nonresident. (h) Possession of a California driver’s license. (i) Other acts, occurrences, or events that indicate presence in the state is more than temporary or transient (CVC §516).

For the purposes of OHV identification, a person who holds a valid driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction is presumed to be a nonresident (CVC §38010(b)(6)).

**Road** – means any existing vehicle route established before January 1, 1979, with significant evidence of prior regular travel by vehicles subject to registration (§4000); provided, that “road” does not mean any route traversed exclusively by bicycles, motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or off-highway motor vehicles (CVC §527). “Road” is not necessarily inclusive, nor exclusive of the term “highway”, but is not a “trail”. Something as primitive as a native surface road may be maintained by the local authority as a highway. At the same time, limited segments of road designated open to OHV operation (off-highway) may be paved due to specific maintenance needs. Refer to the local land management or maintenance authority for legal designation.

**ROV** – “recreational off-highway vehicle” means a motor vehicle meeting all of the following criteria: (a) Designed primarily for off-highway operation. (b) Has a steering wheel for steering control. (c) Has nonstraddle seating provided by the manufacturer for the operator and all passengers. (d) (1) Has a maximum speed capability of greater than 30 miles per hour, or (2) has been modified to do so. (e) Has an engine displacement equal to or less than 1,000cc (61 ci). (See ROV Operation on page 19)

**Snowmobile** – OHV designed for travel over ice or snow on skis, belts, or cleats, which is commonly referred to as an Over Snow Vehicle (CVC §557).

**Spark arrester** – is a device constructed of nonflammable materials specifically for the purpose of removing and retaining carbon and other flammable particles over 0.0232 of an inch in size from the exhaust flow of an internal combustion engine or which is qualified and rated by the United States Forest Service (CVC §38366(c)).

**SPCN** – A “specially constructed vehicle” is a vehicle which is built for private use, not for resale, and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or re-manufacturer. A specially constructed vehicle may be built from (1) a kit; (2) new or used, or a combination of new and used, parts; or (3) a vehicle reported for dismantling, as required by §5500 or §11520, which, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle dismantled (CVC §580). A specially constructed vehicle is not a vehicle which has been repaired, restored, or resembles the original make.

**Street legal** – is a term commonly used to describe vehicles eligible for licensed highway use (CVC §4000). All vehicles operated upon a highway must also be properly equipped (CVC §24002) and conversion of OHVs for highway use is not legal in California.

**Trail** – is generally used to describe an established route of travel with access restrictions, either by legal ordinance, physical constraints or by primitive nature. A “trail” is a route 50 inches or less in width or a route over 50 inches wide that is identified and managed as a trail. (T36 CFR §212.1 National Forest System)

**UTV** – “utility terrain vehicle” means an OHV that is all of the following: (a) Designed for operation off of the highway. (b) Suspended on four tires. (c) Has a steering wheel for steering control. (d) Has one seat to accommodate a driver and one passenger sitting side by side (CVC §531). Commonly referred to as a “side-by-side”, this term is commonly used to describe vehicles similar to an ROV which have a maximum speed less than 30 mph. However, many UTVs are also ROVs due to a maximum speed greater than 30 mph (page 19).



## California Vehicle Code – Electric Bicycles

- 21113(2)(g) A local authority may adopt rules or regulations to restrict, or specify conditions for, the use of bicycles, motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, skateboards, electrically motorized boards, and roller skates on public property under the jurisdiction of that agency.
- 21213(a) A person under 16 years of age shall not operate a class 3 electric bicycle.
- 21207.5(a) A class 3 electric bicycle is prohibited on public bicycle paths, trails, bikeways, bicycle lanes, equestrian trails, hiking trails, unless adjacent or within roadway or permitted by local authority.
- 21207.5(b) A local authority having jurisdiction over a bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, may prohibit, by ordinance, the operation of a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on that path or trail.
- 24016(b) A person operating an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions of this code relating to financial responsibility, driver's licenses, registration, and license plate requirements, and an electric bicycle is not a motor vehicle.

**ASI - ATV Safety Institute**

(949)727-3727 (Press 0 for Operator) • [www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)

**MSF - Motorcycle Safety Foundation**

(877) 288-7093 • [www.dirtbikeschool.com](http://www.dirtbikeschool.com)

**Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement/Sound Training (P.O.S.T. Certified)**

(916) 324-4442

**DMV - Department of Motor Vehicles**

(800) 777-0133 • [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)

**ROHVA - Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association**

(949) 255-2560 (Press 0 for Operator) • [www.rohva.org](http://www.rohva.org)

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