

HELMETS

Quad bikes are the leading cause of on-farm fatalities and serious injuries. Around 30 per cent of quad bike fatalities involve head injuries while 40 per cent of serious injuries involve a traumatic brain injury.

Risk of fatality in a quad bike incident can be reduced by as much as 40 per cent if the rider is wearing a helmet.¹

There are a range of helmets suitable for on-farm use that are lightweight, ventilated, and provide sun protection.

Helmets that comply with a range of standards are available, including:

- AS/NZS 1698:2006 – *Protective helmets for vehicle users*
- UNECE22.05 – *Protective helmets and their visors for drivers and passengers of motor cycles and mopeds*
- NZS 8600:2002 – *All-terrain vehicle helmets**

* Helmets compliant with the New Zealand Standard 8600:2002 are available for use on quad bikes at low speed (not exceeding 30 kilometres per hour).

¹ Based on research conducted by University of New South Wales Transport and Road Safety, 2015.

NEXT STEPS

To stay safe while using a quad bike, make sure that you:

- choose the right vehicle for the task
- do a safe riding course
- always wear a helmet
- consider fitting operator protective devices
- use only suitable attachments
- don't carry passengers
- maintain vehicles in accordance with manufacturers' instructions
- don't let kids ride adult-sized quad bikes.

For more information, please call 13 10 50 or visit www.safework.nsw.gov.au

AS/NZS 1698:



NZS 8600:



UNECE 22.05:



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