# OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

COMMUNITY SAFETY KEEPING YOU INFORMED.



## **SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL OF ALBERTA**

Whitecourt is a winter haven for outdoor recreation! Ice fishing, cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing, and (of course) snowmobiling.

The term off highway vehicle, or OHV, refers to snowmobiles, quads, dirt bikes, and any other recreational vehicle.

### **TRAFFIC BYLAW 1573**

Bylaw 1573 governs the use of OHVs and allows for the seasonal use of OHVs within Town limits.

- OHV use is permitted between December 1 and March 31 annually. Use between 10pm and 7am is prohibited.
- Operators are permitted to use various streets, alleys and designated trails provided they are the most direct route from where the vehicle is normally stored to the nearest location where OHVs are permitted to operate. All operators should be familiar with the prohibited areas and respect these sites.
- The maximum speed of operation for an OHV within Town limits is 20km/hour. It is important to know that Centennial Park is within Town limits.
- OHV operators are required to carry a Certificate of Registration and a Certificate of Insurance. Those under the age of 14 are prohibited from operating an OHV unless accompanied by, or are in close proximity to, an adult who is giving instruction. Approved safety helmets are required to be worn by drivers and passengers.
- Highway 43, Highway 32, Dahl Drive and Festival Park are prohibited areas. Unmarked areas are generally private property and can only be used with the owner's permission. Use only designated OHV trails. A map detailing OHV trails in Whitecourt is available on our website.

Refer to a complete copy of Bylaw 1573 for more details; visit www. whitecourt.ca and search "Traffic Bylaw".

## **SAFETY FIRST!**

The Town of Whitecourt asks that you practice the following safety tips when enjoying the outdoors.

- Be prepared for your activity. Know your physical limits and use appropriate safety equipment (i.e. helmet, goggles, gloves, etc.)
- Carry a first aid kit and repair supplies for your equipment. Ensure that all of your equipment is in good working order before you leave home.
- Get familiar with the area you are travelling in before you go out. For regional maps of the Whitecourt/Woodlands County area, visit www.whitecourttrailblazers.ca.
- Always let someone at home know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Wear appropriate clothing and carry extra clothing. High-energy foods, waterproof matches, an insulated blanket, and a compass are valuable in the event of a cold climate emergency.

# For more information:

- www.albertasnowmobile.ca
- www.ccso-ccom.ca
- www.snowmobile.org



## WHITECOURT TRAILBLAZERS

www.whitecourttrailblazers.ca

For information on trail conditions, visit the Whitecourt
Trailblazers Snowmobile Club's website.

