

The **Red** Sticker is for motorcycles and All Terrain Vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1997 not meeting emission standards established by the California Air Resource Board.

A vehicle with a number 3 or letter C in the eighth position of the Vehicle Identification Number doesn't meet emission standards and is issued a Red Sticker. Vehicles with a Red sticker can only be operated during certain times of the year. Operation of an off-road only vehicle, without a Green or Red Sticker, is a violation of the California Vehicle Code (CVC 38010).

POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL:

It is illegal to possess an open container of alcohol while riding in or operating an off-highway vehicle. California Vehicle Code sections 23220, 23322, 23225, and 23226 have been amended to include public lands.

Remember: RESPONSIBLE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ENTHUSIASTS DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. You are considered driving, under the influence, if your alcohol level is .08% or higher, and you will be arrested for CVC 23152 (b) Driving Under the Influence (D.U.I.)

OTHER IMPORTANT CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTIONS:

CVC 38335 Headlights required during darkness.

CVC 38345 Red tail lamps required during darkness.

CVC 38366(a) Functional USFS approved spark arrester required.

CVC 38505 Helmet required (ATV only).

CVC 38301 Operation of vehicles in closed areas.

CVC 38305 Speed unsafe for conditions.

CVC 38310 15 MPH within 50 feet of campsite, people, or animals. (Posting not required.)

CVC 38316(a) Reckless driving.



Most Important: Stay On Designated Trails! Only ride where it is legal to ride. Don't trespass on private property. Respect others.

T.R.E.A.D LIGHTLY

TRAVEL off-road with minimum impact to your surroundings.

RESPECT the **ENVIRONMENT** and the rights of others.

ALLOW for future use of the outdoors - leave it in better condition than you found it.

DISCOVER the rewards of responsible riding.

To leave a good impression, you need the right information. Through education, restoration and research, **TREAD LIGHTLY** empowers generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. By increasing public awareness and encouraging responsible practices, the great outdoors will be accessible and well-preserved for years to come.

For more information, regarding off-road vehicle use, contact the Tehachapi Police Department at 661-822-2222 or the Kern County Sheriff's Office Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement Team. 760-384-5800.

Adventure awaits you in the great outdoors. Enjoy it safely, we want to see you again!



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Kern County



Tehachapi is one of Kern County's most beautiful recreational areas. While the city welcomes hikers and cyclists, the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) is not allowed within city limits.

However, just down the road, are some of Kern County's best locations to get out and ride!

When you ride off-road in the County, whether in the desert or mountains, the Tehachapi Police Department, and the Kern County Sheriff's Office, want you to have a fun, safe experience.

The following safety tips and laws will help ensure a return trip.

SAFETY FIRST:

Tell a responsible person where you're going (in detail) and when you'll return. Ask that person to notify local law enforcement if you do not return or check-in on time.

Adventure Awaits!

If you're driving an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), be sure to use the following safety equipment: protective clothing, helmet, goggles, gloves, seatbelts (4-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggys), first aid kit, map, GPS device, matches, signal mirror and a cellular telephone.

Be sure to have enough fuel (2-cycle oil if required) and drinking water for the round trip. Drinking water can be more important than fuel in the desert. Non-perishable food is also a good idea.

Consider staying with your vehicle if it is disabled rather than setting off on your own to find help.

Avoid driving or stopping in tall grass, brush or where natural fuels come in contact with hot vehicle parts. Stop only in cleared areas to minimize the risk of starting a fire.

SAFE ROAD HABITS:

Be a courteous driver. Yield the right-of-way anytime there is a doubt and you can safely do so. Stay to the right side of the road or trail.

Approach curves and hill crests with caution. Always assume there are vehicles ahead and slow accordingly.

Don't go down a trail you haven't been up first. Backtracking may be difficult and you may not be able to drive back to the top.

Always go with a friend. Two heads and two vehicles are better than one. Be sure to allow extra room and stopping distance when approaching other vehicles. Other drivers may be less experienced.



LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

All vehicles, operated on public lands, must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The registration fee is \$52 per vehicle, and is valid for two years.

The Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) fund is used for acquisitions of new off road areas, development and operation of existing areas, enforcement of OHV rules and regulations, and protection of natural resources.

STREET-LEGAL LICENSE PLATES:

To operate a 4-wheel drive vehicle or dual-purpose motorcycle on-road and off-road, you must have a street-legal license plate. Operating your 4-wheel drive vehicle or dual-purpose motorcycle on-road, without a street-legal license plate, means you are in violation of the California Vehicle Code (CVC 4000 (a)).

GREEN OR RED STICKERS:

To operate a motorized vehicle off-road only, you must have a Green Sticker or a Red Sticker, issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The **Green** Sticker allows vehicles to operate on public land year-round.