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(ORILLIA, ON) - In 2023, half of the Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) fatalities in Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) jurisdictions occurred during the end of the year. As a result, the Central Region of the OPP is raising awareness about ORV safety.

The OPP investigated 26 ORV fatalities in 2023, in which 13 occurred between September and December. Lack of helmet use, alcohol and/or drug consumption, and failure to maintain control of the vehicle remain the leading factors.

With your help, we hope to spread the word about ORV safety. Here are some critical safety guidelines and best preparation for enjoyable riding:

- Driving an ORV while impaired by alcohol or drugs is as unlawful as driving any other vehicle and carries the same impaired driving penalties that apply to driving a motor vehicle.
- Always wear a properly fitted helmet with a secure chin strap. ORV drivers and passengers who do not wear their helmets are at a much higher risk of serious injury or death if they crash, lose control, or their vehicle tips over.
- Always carry your registration and proof of insurance.
- Ensure proper display of licence plate according to the ORVA.
- Have a valid trail pass where applicable.
- Exercise caution when riding on permitted roadways, adjusting to the difference between dirt and pavement.
- Drive cautiously and familiarize yourself with the required speeds for ORVs.

The Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles is a great resource. Please see the link for more information and safety tips: [Tips for the Riders | OFATV - Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs](#).

The OPP is responsible for patrolling more than 99,000 kilometres of waterways and trails, and over 130,000 kilometres of roadway throughout Ontario.

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