

# QUAD BIKE SAFETY FACTSHEET



## ► HOW TO LOAD (AND UNLOAD) A QUAD BIKE FOR TRANSPORT

When transporting a quad bike on a trailer or on the back of a ute, hazards can exist both in the loading (and unloading) process, and in the transportation itself. The following steps should be taken to load your quad bike.

- Remove loads from the quad bike, or make sure they are properly secured. If practical it is best to empty spray tanks before loading.
- Select a suitable site to load and unload the quad bike – flat and free from obstacles. Use a loading bank or platform, or ramps of good quality and adequate strength. Check the trailer is stable and secure so there are no unexpected movements (eg brake on)
- If ramps are used they should be well secured to the trailer to prevent movement as the quad is ridden up them.
- If using ramps, check the quad bike is lined up with them properly before riding the bike up onto the trailer. Select 4WD if your quad bike has this.
- Only a competent rider is to ride a quad bike onto the trailer or ute, and that person must wear a helmet.
- Box-type trailers may be lower than other options and therefore safer to use. Some trailers may also have a winch to pull loads on and therefore you may not need to ride the quad up and onto the trailer.
- Read the operator's manual to identify the maximum safe slope for loading. Ramps will need to be longer the higher the tray on the transport vehicle.
- Check ramp carrying capacity. The weight should be marked on each ramp. Example: if the safe working load for each ramp is 175kg, that's a total load capacity of 350kg.
- When loading the quad bike make sure it is positioned so that the load is centred on the trailer or ute, bearing in mind what else needs to be loaded onto the trailer as well, the balance of the trailer on the towbar, and the carrying capacities.
- Put the park brake on.
- Secure the quad bike front and back with ropes, or straps with ratchet tie-downs in good condition.
- Check the load regularly during transportation, particularly on rough terrain.
- Use crossover ties if you are travelling a long distance or over uneven terrain.
- Secure other objects around the quad bike to ensure it is not damaged by shifting loads.

For unloading, follow the steps above, but in reverse.

