According to the Act respecting off-highway vehicles (R.S.Q., c. V-1.2), off-highway vehicles include:

- motorized all-terrain vehicles equipped with handlebars and at least two wheels, that are designed to be straddled and whose net mass does not exceed 600 kilograms;
- such other motorized vehicles designed to travel off a public highway as are determined by regulation.

1. Every operator of an off-highway vehicle must be at least 14 years of age, and if he is under 16 years of age, he must hold a certificate obtained from an officer authorized by the Government (SAAQ) and that attests that the operator has the competence and knowledge required to operate such a vehicle. Actors and extras who do not meet these criteria must be replaced by doubles.

2. The transportation of passengers must comply with the following rules:
   - the number of passengers transported in an off-highway vehicle must never exceed the maximum number indicated by the manufacturer;
   - the transport of passengers in a trailer or a sleigh towed by an off-highway vehicle is permitted only if this trailer or sleigh is manufactured according to the standards (S.Q. 1996, c. 60.a.4);
   - it is forbidden to tow more than one sleigh or trailer carrying people with an off-highway vehicle.

3. Any person riding in or on an off-highway vehicle, a trailer or a sleigh towed by this vehicle must be equipped with the following personal protective equipment complying with Transport Canada standards:
   - a protective helmet;
   - safety glasses if the protective helmet has no visor;
   - gloves;
   - clothing whose sleeves cover the arms;
   - pants.

4. No off-highway vehicle shall be operated without the following equipment complying with the standards and in working order:
   - one white headlight;
   - one red tail-light;
   - one red stop light at the rear;
   - one rear-view mirror firmly attached to the left side of the vehicle;
   - an exhaust system;
   - a braking system;
   - a speedometer;
   - any other equipment determined by regulation.

5. All trailers or sleighs to be towed by an off-highway vehicle must be equipped with the following equipment complying with the standards and in working order:
   - one red stop light at the rear;
   - two red reflectors at the rear as far apart as practicable;
   - two red left and right side reflectors situated at an equal distance from the front and the rear;
   - a rigid tow bar designed to prevent overturning or swerving, which pivots 90 degrees on either side and allows pitching without compromising the overall stability;
   - any other equipment determined by regulation.

6. The width of a sleigh or trailer towed by an off-highway vehicle, equipment included, shall not exceed 1.5 m.

Reference

Act respecting off-highway vehicles, R.S.Q., chapter V-1.2.

Note. – The information contained in this guideline is not exhaustive and does not replace current standards, laws and regulations.