

**IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO RIDE DIRT BIKES AND ATVs ON DC'S STREETS**



Minibikes, dirt bikes, all terrain vehicles, and other motorized bikes and multi-wheeled vehicles pose a danger to pedestrians and other motorists and are illegal to operate on DC's streets.

If you see one being ridden on public space, call or text the police. You could be eligible for a reward of \$250 if your information leads to the recovery of an ATV that is being used on public space.

Call in your tip  
**(202) 727-9099**

Text your tip  
**50411**




YOU GIVE A TIP, WE RECOVER A BIKE, YOU GET PAID.

operator, and the location where it is being driven. Police respond, stop the operator, and confiscate the vehicle.

If your tip leads to a successful removal of an illegally-operated ATV or dirt bike, the CIC will provide you a Tip Tracking Number which you can use to follow up in a few days. Upon follow-up, the CIC staff will provide you with further instructions for collecting your reward.

If the tip leads to a successful confiscation, you will be eligible for the \$250 reward. The reward and payment collection instructions will be provided to you by the CIC staff.

Tips that do not lead to a successful confiscation will not be eligible for payment.

**Questions?**

Contact the MPD's Command Information Center at (202) 727-9099 for further details.

**Get More Safety Tips**

For tips on other ways to stay safe from crime in your daily life, see the other brochures in this series, available from our Website at [www.mpdc.dc.gov/safety](http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/safety). Or visit your local police district. To find the one nearest you, visit [www.mpdc.dc.gov/districts](http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/districts).

**Get Involved!**

No one individual or agency working alone can prevent crime. It takes police and citizens working in partnership. The District of Columbia's community policing strategy provides many ways for police and communities to work together to prevent crime and build safer neighborhoods. These include regular Police Service Area meetings in your community, citizen patrols and more. To learn more about community policing activities in your neighborhood, call your local police district:

- 1st District     Main:.....(202) 698-0555..... TTY: 727-8506  
                  Substation:.....(202) 698-0068..... TTY: 543-2352
- 2nd District    Main:.....(202) 715-7300..... TTY: 364-3961
- 3rd District    Main:.....(202) 673-6815..... TTY: 518-0008
- 4th District    Main:.....(202) 715-7400..... TTY: 722-1791  
                  Substation:.....(202) 576-8222..... TTY: 576-9640
- 5th District    Main:.....(202) 698-0150..... TTY: 727-5437
- 6th District    Main:.....(202) 698-0880..... TTY: 398-5397  
                  Substation:.....(202) 698-2088..... TTY: 281-3945
- 7th District    Main:.....(202) 698-1500..... TTY: 889-3574

**Know Something About a Crime? Don't Keep It a Secret**

If you have important information to share with the police, the Anonymous Crime Tip Line and Text Tip Line enables you to give MPD vital information anonymously. Just dial (202) 727-9099 or text to 50411 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your name will not be used, only the information you provide. Your information could lead to a cash reward. For more details, see [www.mpdc.dc.gov/tipline](http://www.mpdc.dc.gov/tipline).



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**TEXT TO 50411**



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Washington, DC 20001

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**FOR YOUR SAFETY**




**Bonus to Phone Us:  
Off Road**

*You give a tip. We recover a bike.  
You get paid.*



# All Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes don't belong on city streets.

Motorized three and four-wheel vehicles, or ATVs, and other motorized bikes are illegal to operate in the District of Columbia. They are dangerous to other motorists, bikers, pedestrians, and property and are meant to be driven off-road on a closed course.

## What is an ATV?

An all-terrain vehicle (ATV) also known as a quad, quad bike, three-wheeler or four-wheeler is defined by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a vehicle that travels on low-pressure tires with a seat that is straddled by the operator along with handlebars for steering control. As the name implies, it is designed to handle a wider variety of terrain than most other vehicles. Although it is a street-legal vehicle in some countries, operation of these vehicles is not legal in the District of Columbia.

## What is a Dirt Bike?

A dirt bike is an off-road motorcycle that is built to be lightweight, powerful, fast, and nimble. Several variations of the dirt bike exist for different purposes, from racing to touring and beyond, and the size and function of the dirt bike depends not only on the type of riding being done, but also the person riding the particular dirt bike. Just about all dirt bikes feature knobby or semi-knobby tires, which have a tread aggressive enough to handle varied terrain — from mud to rocks, from smooth dirt roads to inclining and declining trails.

## How are ATVs and Dirt bikes being used in the District of Columbia?

Riders of ATVs and dirt bikes are openly breaking the law on DC streets. These riders do all kinds of tricks such as wheelies and riding on the sidewalks. ATVs and dirt bikes are illegal to ride on public streets in the District of Columbia, but MPD's chase policy prohibits officers from pursuing the vehicles. In fact, those familiar with the problem say that some riders come from other areas on stolen dirt bikes and ATVs because DC is known for its no chase policy.

## What Dangers Do ATVs and Dirt Bikes Pose?

A 25-year-old DC woman was with her 23-year-old cousin and a group of others as they crossed Alabama Avenue, SE, around 8 PM. The pedestrians had the right of way. A moment later, two dirt bikes came speeding toward the group. At least one of them popped a wheelie. The woman soon realized her younger cousin had never made it to the curb along with the rest of the group. The rider of the dirt bike popped a wheelie and caught the younger cousin's shirt in the handlebars of the bike. The impact threw the young woman into the path of an oncoming vehicle, partially pinning her under the tires. The woman suffered extensive injuries.



*Dirt Bike*



*All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)*



*Minibike*

## How You Can Help: Bonu\$ 2 Phone Us: Off Road

"Bonu\$ to Phone Us: Off Road" is a program that offers DC residents the ability to call **(202) 727-9099** when they know the location of an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally on public space in Washington, DC. If the information results in the confiscation of the dirt bike or ATV, the caller will be authorized to receive a **\$250 reward**.

## How It Works

Let's say you see an ATV or dirt bike being operated illegally in the District of Columbia. You call the MPD's Command Information Center at **(202) 727-9099** to report the incident and provide a description of the vehicle, its