

"Dune Smart"

"CATCH THE SAFETY BUG"



An unsafe act can last a lifetime!

KNOW THE LAW... ***DON'T DRINK AND RIDE!***

Keeping the Dunes a safe, clean and fun place for all outdoor enthusiasts
is your responsibility

Drinking and Driving Laws apply Off-Highway

Don't Let This Be Your Last Ride!



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800-GET-MADD



The BLM's Director of Law Enforcement and Security has made it clear, "Let there be no misunderstanding, we will strongly enforce all DUI laws in full cooperation with state and local law enforcement agencies at all off-highway recreation locations."

American Sand Association

WHAT IS ASA?

ASA's primary objective is to "UNITE, INFORM and MOBILIZE" the sand duning community to protect their right to ride.

ASA was formed in June of 2000 as a nonprofit California corporation under IRS Tax Code 501(c)(4) and has no paid staff.

Through strategic partnerships with local communities and various entities, we promote a safe dune experience coupled with responsible use of public lands. This is accomplished with our **Education and Safety programs**. This brochure is only one product of those efforts. Through our Website, newsletters, and emails, we **distribute information** to sand-oriented vehicle owners and businesses.

Plant and animal studies funded by the ASA and our sister organizations, provide the best science available.

We encourage State and Federal agencies to manage public lands for sustained, multiple use.

We encourage all sand sport enthusiasts to **support their favorite riding areas**. Since the majority of the ASA's funding, knowledge, contacts, expertise and volunteers are derived from the Imperial Sand Dune Recreation Area (ISDRA), it is not the intent of ASA to become the lead organization in any area other than the ISDRA.

ASA ENCOURAGES you to JOIN and DONATE to the following ORGANIZATIONS

ACTION

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Americans for Responsible Recreation Access

www.arra-access.com

American Motorcyclist Association

www.amadirectlink.com

All-Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA)

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Blue Ribbon Coalition

www.sharetrails.org

California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs

www.cal4wheel.com

California Off-Road Vehicle Association

www.corva.org

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Friends of Sand Mountain

www.sandmountain-nv.org

Off-Road Business Association

www.orba.biz

San Diego Off-Road Coalition

www.sdorc.org

United Four Wheel Drive Association

www.ufwda.org

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"SAFETY AWARENESS IS IMPORTANT"

The ASA hopes the information in this brochure will help make your duning experience a safe recreation activity that you and your family and friends will enjoy for years to come. This brochure will help you become familiar with some of the rules and safety information.
Let's all become "DUNE SMART."

ABUSE IT ---and you may---LOSE IT!



By using **COMMON SENSE** and **COURTESY**, what is available today, will be there to enjoy tomorrow. Careless operation of your OHV can cause serious injury or damage.

"RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS"

We
all come
out to have
fun...
So, let's be safe
so we can keep
on duning!



DUNERS CHECKERED FLAG PLEDGE

We Fly It And Live By It!



TRASH:

We pack it in and We pack it out.

ENFORCEMENT:

We live by the rules.

We support all law enforcement at the dunes.

We report major infractions!

RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE, SAFETY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

We act in a responsible manner.

SIMPLE RULES TO LIVE BY...

PLEASE RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS!

Be Considerate
of others on the road or Dunes.

Ride
only where permitted.

Pack Out
what you pack in.

Drinking
and riding don't mix.

Keep the Noise
and dust down.

Wear
proper fitting helmet, eye protection and other safety gear.

Whips & Approved Flags
are required.

DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

Riding solo can leave you vulnerable if you have an accident or breakdown.

Allow for future use of the outdoors, by leaving it **better than you found it**.

Obtain a map of the area you wish to explore and determine which areas are open for use.

Check to make sure you have all your Safety Equipment before you leave.



Become familiar with vehicle license and camping requirements in your area. They vary from state to state.

Prepare for the unexpected by packing emergency items. Check the weather.

Trash can be a Huge Problem! Please keep the dunes clean. Broken bottles can ruin your tire, and your trip!



"DUNE SMART - RIDE TOMORROW"

Motorcycles and ATV's have become popular for work and recreation.

Unfortunately along with the increased use, reported cases of serious injury have also increased.

Most of these injuries can be attributed to **improper use**.

Make Motorcycle and ATV safety a priority at all times.

Read and comply with the information in the owners manual and safety course given by the dealer.

Perform a complete **safety inspection** prior to your trip.



Let
someone
know
where
you are going
and when you
will return!



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SPECIAL RULES FOR ATV'S

Are
your
kids
certified?

Go to
www.svia.org
for more
information



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While operating a motor vehicle, **unlicensed drivers** must be under the immediate supervision of a licensed adult, and must be able to safely reach and operate all vehicle control mechanisms.

A person with a **suspended or revoked drivers license** may not operate a vehicle at any time.

Helmets: Required while operating ATV's.

Passengers: Prohibited on ATV's in some riding areas.

Under 18: A minor may not operate an ATV unless he or she has received the safety course, or is in the direct supervision of an adult who has the appropriate

certification, and must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian at all times.



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GUARD
LAND
FREE**



THE ACTION PROGRAM

Organizing Off Road Manufacturers
to Protect Access to Public Lands

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Please support these businesses that
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- Komfort Corporation
- National RV
- Northwood Manufacturing
- *Weekend Warrior Trailers*

DO NOT

Operate any Off
Highway Vehicle
While Under The
Influence Of
Alcohol or
Drugs



KNOW WHAT EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORN.

Check the operators manual for manufacturer's recommendations

Professional racers wear their protective equipment. YOU SHOULD TOO!



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Helmet: Wear a DOT-Snell ANSI approved helmet.

Goggles: Good vision is important. Protect your eyes. Your goggle lens must not be scratched or fogged over. Do not use a tinted lens at night.

Gloves: Protect your hands from blisters and fatigue.

Chest Protector: Avoid chest injuries.

Riding Boots: Protect your legs, ankles and feet with boots designed for riding.

Shoulder Guards

Elbow Guards

Long Pants

Knee Pads

Shin Guards



IS YOUR BUGGY OR CART SAFE?

Safety is incorporated into most new sandrails by the builders. Golf carts need similar safety features.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Suspension that will take rough terrain.
- Seats mounted to the frame.
- Properly installed seat belts.
- Sturdy roll cage.
- Sand tires mounted on bead-lock wheels.
- NEVER use STARTER FLUID to mount a tire.



Sandrails and Golf Carts have become more popular and more powerful than ever! That is why Safety is more important than ever.



It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

{Now, Let's Keep it Safe}





(800) 500-9914

**Please Watch your Speed
around Campsites**

MAKE THE DRAGS SAFE KEEP THEM OPEN

KEEP the riding lanes open

SPECTATORS: Keep back at least 50 feet away from the races

OBEY AND COOPERATE with law enforcement personnel

RACERS: No more than 15 MPH within 50 feet of people



PLEASE PLAY and STAY SAFE

Some
of us can
really fly!

Please stay back
and keep an eye
on your children
in case I blow a
tire or have a
mechanical
malfunction!



BEFORE YOU STRAP IN

Every occupant should be buckled in, even if you are planning on going slow!



Occupants must have proper containment.

A five point system with a crotch belt will hold the lap and shoulder belts down.

How much clearance is there between the seat and the skid plate?

Lap belts are made to hold the occupants down.

Shoulder belts should hold the occupant back.

Is there a skid plate under the seat?

Properly installed and properly worn seat belts are one of the most important safety items to protect my riders.



GOLF CARTS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER

Golf carts are fun as long as they are driven properly!



Lifted Golf Carts are easy to roll and are unstable at high speeds.

Golf Carts are safer if they have a roll bar and seat belts.

Don't overload golf Carts with too many people.

Children have been injured when parents let them go out unsupervised.

Stock golf cart brakes were not designed to stop very well at high speeds.

Low tire pressure is great in sand but can be unstable on the pavement.

A fire extinguisher is good to have along on golf carts and sandrails. They are required in some areas.

Avoid running over plants. They can ruin your tires and **impact the environment.**



SANDRAIL MAINTENANCE INSPECT BEFORE YOU RIDE

Front headlight and a red taillight are required by law after dark.

Good tires and wheels might save you a walk.

Inspect your gas lines!

Make sure all electrical, brake, and gas lines are routed away from occupants, battery cables, and the exhaust system.

PRE TRIP CHECKS

- Last trip fixes
- Tire condition
- Air cleaners
- Check for leaks

PRE RIDE CHECKS

- Riding gear
- Fuel level
- Tire pressure

- Check fluid levels, belts, hoses
- Tighten bolts and connectors check battery cables, and charge Fire extinguisher GPS, tools and flashlight
- Liquid refreshments and snacks
- Tire repair kit, cell phone and sun block
- Tow strap
- Don't forget common sense**



Tire
pressure is
important.
Check daily!



DUNING TIPS

Be Careful
a midday
"WHITE OUT"
may cause loss
of depth
perception



First time at the dunes should be with someone that has been there before. Do research on the Internet for other information.

First time riders should pre-ride on flat terrain until you get comfortable with the vehicle / ATV before attempting going for a ride in the dunes.

Ride to your skill level. Don't try to keep up with others if it is over your skill level.

Global Position System (GPS) can be very valuable for keeping track of where you are in the dunes. Some dunes cover many square miles! Don't get lost.

Make your camp easy to find both during the day and at night by flying a unique flag and having some kind of unique lights after dark.

Everyone should keep an eye out for the people behind them in case someone has a problem.



SAFE RIDING AT THE DUNES

Slow down if someone lags behind so the group doesn't stretch out. Make everyone accountable for the person behind them.

Have the lead person and the last person run with their lights on. **Two-way radios** for the person riding "lead" and the person riding "cleanup" can be a life saver.

If you get separated from your group while riding, you should climb the tallest nearby hill and make yourself visible.

If you are deep in the middle of the dunes and it starts to get late, what do you do? That depends on where you are camped and how much fuel you have left.

In many cases, you can **climb a tall dune** and spot a familiar landmark: possibly your camp.



For more information visit the ASA website.



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USE COMMON SENSE

NEVER
dune alone,
without water,
under the
influence or,
with unsafe
equipment.



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Pay attention to the sun. If you're running low on fuel, or even **THINK** you are, head for the closest edge of the dunes. It is much easier to walk out, if you have to, on hard level ground.

Watch for **"witches eyes"** and never take your eyes off the dune! The dunes will lull you into a false sense of security.

Be careful, just when you think it is safe to open it up, here comes a slip face (miniature cliff) or witches eye and you're 15 feet in the air.

Don't overdrive your line of sight.

It is dangerous at night. Be sure you have proper and legal lights. Take a jacket, flashlight and **GPS**.

Know the riding skill level of your fellow duners. Accidents can occur if someone is riding over their head.



"Witches Eye"

LOOK BEFORE YOU JUMP

Check the other side of hills and dunes before you go over the top. People are injured because they fly over the top without knowing what is on the other side.

There could be people, other vehicles, or a HUGE drop-off on the other side. The dunes change constantly when the wind blows.

If you are going to “jump” hills or dunes make sure you have a spotter and watch their signals. Know what is on the other side!

Some things that should be taken along are First Aid kit, goggles, bandana, sun block, water, firewood, tow strap, plenty of gas, and common sense. This is the single most important thing you can take along!

Rules can vary from state to state.
Be sure to check your local regulations.



If we obey the safety rules and abide by the laws we can enjoy the dunes.



We hope this Brochure helped give you information that will make your trips last a lifetime for all the right reasons.



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ORBA

Off Road Business Association

Promoting and Protecting the Off-Road Industry



When he grows into this, will he have a place to ride?

IT IS UP TO YOU!

Following the rules and using common sense can help keep the dunes open for many generations.

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MATTERS**

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