

Penalties

Under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Regulations 1979*, Rangers, Police and other gazetted persons are authorised to issue infringement notices.

Examples of infringement notices are:

Nature of offence	Penalty
<i>Section 6(1) Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Driving or use of Off-road Vehicle in an area other than private land with consent or in a permitted area.	\$50
<i>Section 6(2) Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Driving or use of a vehicle in a prohibited area.	\$50
<i>Section 7(2) Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Failure to register the vehicle or driving or use of an unregistered vehicle.	\$50
<i>Section 9 Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Driving or using a vehicle which is in a dangerous condition.	\$50
<i>Section 9(c) Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Failure to wear a protective helmet.	\$50
<i>Section 10 Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Knowingly permit an under-age person to be in charge of a vehicle.	\$50
<i>Section 34 Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978</i> – Failure to affix a number plate.	\$50
<i>Regulation 7 Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Regulations 1979</i> – Failure to carry a registration certificate on a vehicle.	\$20
<i>Regulation 13(a) Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Regulations 1979</i> – Number plate not clearly visible and legible.	\$50



Off-road Vehicles

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What is an Off-road Vehicle?

Off-road Vehicles are governed under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*. Under the Act, Off-road vehicle means a vehicle which is not licensed, deemed to be licenced or the subject of a permit granted under the *Road Traffic Act 1974*.

Vehicles used in off-road activities can include any vehicle that is propelled by an engine or other mechanical source of power. The most common types of Off-road Vehicles are:

- Trail bikes
- Quad bikes
- Buggies
- 4WD vehicles.

The City of Gosnells Rangers are authorised officers under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and work closely with Police and other agencies to control illegal Off-road Vehicle activities.

Where can I use my Off-road Vehicle?

Off-road Vehicles are only permitted to be used in areas gazetted under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and on private land with the landowner's permission. There are no gazetted areas within the City of Gosnells, however there are areas within the State that are gazetted for Off-road Vehicle use.

These areas are:

Lancelin Bootoo Street, Lancelin – managed by the Shire of Gingin (200+Ha)

Permitted vehicles – Trail bikes, quad bikes, buggies and 4WD vehicles

Ledge Point Ledge Point Road, Ledge Point – managed by the Shire of Gingin (40Ha)

Permitted vehicles – Trail bikes and quad bikes.

Pinjar Orchid Road, Pinjar – operated by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (314Ha)

Permitted vehicles – Trail bikes and quad bikes.

Gnangara Gnangara Road, Lexia – managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (350Ha)

Permitted vehicle – Trail bikes and quad bikes.

Kwinana Thomas Road, Medina – managed by the Town of Kwinana (20Ha)

Permitted vehicles – Trail bikes and quad bikes.

York Spencer's Brook Road, York – managed by the Shire of York (4Ha)

Permitted vehicles – Trail bikes and quad bikes.

For more information regarding gazetted areas please contact the relevant shire or the Department of Parks and Wildlife on 9219 9000.

Registration of Off-road Vehicles

All Off-road Vehicles are required to be registered in accordance with section 7(2) of the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*. Vehicles can be licensed at any Department of Transport Licensing Centre.

Off-road Vehicle registrations expire on the 30 September each year and must be renewed or the registration plates surrendered. Vehicles currently registered under the *Road Traffic Act* are not required to be registered under the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*.

Environmental impact

Users of Off-road Vehicles should be aware that noise emanating from the vehicles may constitute a disturbance for nearby residents.

Drivers and riders are also reminded that regular use of the same area not only threatens flora and fauna but may cause degradation of the land, erosion of soils and dust pollution.

Environmental impact issues, including noise, are regulated by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.



Reporting Off-road Vehicle activity

If you observe an Off-road Vehicle in a park or on a reserve, contact the City of Gosnells Ranger Services on 9397 3000.

Any activity involving Off-road Vehicles on the road or footpath must be reported immediately to the Police on 131 444 as these activities are offences under the *Road Traffic Act 1974*.

Impound of Off-road Vehicles

Users of Off-road Vehicles found to be contravening the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* must provide satisfactory proof of ownership of the vehicle to a Ranger.

If proof of ownership cannot be provided, the driver may risk having the vehicle impounded.