



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 22 - DAMAGES AND OTHER OFFENSES TO LAND AND FIXTURES

N.C.G.S. § 14-159.3.

Trespass to land on motorized all-terrain vehicle.

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- § 14-159.3(a)

No person shall operate any motorized all-terrain vehicle:

(1)

On any private property not owned by the operator, without the written consent of the owner; or

(2)

Within the banks of any stream or waterway, but excluding a sound or the Atlantic Ocean, the adjacent lands of which are not owned by the operator, without the consent of the owner or outside the restrictions imposed by the owner.
- § 14-159.3(a1)

A landowner who gives a person written consent to operate an all-terrain vehicle on the landowner's property owes the person the same duty of care that the landowner owes a trespasser.
- § 14-159.3(b)

A "motorized all-terrain vehicle", as used in this section, is a two or more wheeled vehicle designed for recreational off-road use.
- § 14-159.3(c)

A violation of this section shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor. (1997-456, s. 56.8; 1997-487, s. 1; 2014-103, s. 11(a); 2015-26, s. 2.1; 2017-102, s. 4.)

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