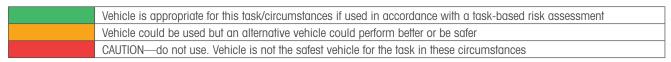


CHOOSING THE RIGHT VEHICLE FOR THE JOB¹

The safest vehicle is the one best suited to the job. The information in this table may be helpful when deciding which of the vehicles available to your organisation is the most suitable for different work tasks or conditions encountered. This table is intended as a general guide only and does not substitute for a risk assessment.

When looking at choosing the right vehicle for the job, you should assess the risk and read the manufacturer's operator manual.

VEHICLE USE	TWO- WHEELED AG BIKE	QUAD BIKE	SIDE BY SIDE VEHICLE	UTE OR 4WD	TRACTOR
GENERAL TASKS					
Inspecting and patrolling					
Mustering of stock					
Spraying					
Maintenance work (1)					
CARRYING GOODS					
Light tools, equipment and dogs					
Bulky loads and stock					
Light, low or secured loads (2)					
Heavy, high or unsecured loads (2)					
Passengers					
GROUND CONDITIONS					
Sealed roads					
Gravel or dirt roads					
Steep uneven terrain				4WD	
Flat or gentle sloping terrain					
Soft or muddy				4WD	
RIDER CAPABILITY					
Inexperienced/untrained					
Physical limitations (size, strength, agility)					
TOWING					
Narrow or small trailer (3)					
Wide or heavy trailer (3)					



Notes:

- 1. In all cases this will depend on what equipment needs to be carried to complete maintenance.
- 2. Do not exceed manufacturer's carrier limits.
- 3. Do not exceed manufacturer's towing limits.

Adapted from the primary source 'Guidelines for the safe use of quad bikes', New Zealand Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, 2010, www.dol.govt.nz/