



## **POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO ON-HIGHWAY OPERATION OF ROVs**

The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) is a not-for-profit trade association formed to promote the safe and responsible use of recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) manufactured or distributed in North America. ROHVA also serves as the primary resource for information on ROVs. An ROV – sometimes referred to as a side-by-side or UTV – is a motorized off-highway vehicle designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with a steering wheel, non-straddle seating, seat belts, an occupant protective structure, and engine displacement up to 1,000cc. Current models are designed with seats for a driver and one or more passengers.

ROVs are designed, manufactured and sold for off-highway use only. On-highway vehicles must be manufactured and certified to comply with U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). These safety standards consist of extensive and detailed compliance requirements. Since ROVs are not intended to be used on-highway, they are not designed, equipped or tested to meet such standards. Permitting street use of ROVs, including modified vehicles, would be in conflict with manufacturers' intentions on their proper use, and would be contrary to federal safety requirements.

Riding on public streets and highways introduces the possibility of the ROV colliding with a car or truck, an obviously dangerous situation.

ROHVA emphasizes that ROVs are not designed, manufactured, or in any way intended for use on public streets or highways and urges that on-highway use of ROVs be prohibited and law enforcement efforts be strengthened to eliminate this practice.