

California Code of Regulations Title 14, Division 3, Chapter 6 § 4609

§ 4609. Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area.

(a) All vehicles may be operated only as follows:

(1) The boundaries of vehicle use shall be designated by the District Superintendent as shown on a map posted at the unit.

(2) The towing by a vehicle of any object other than another vehicle or trailer is prohibited.

(3) All Off-Highway Vehicles registered under California Vehicle Code Section 38010 or other vehicles primarily operated for Off-Highway Vehicle activities shall be equipped with a whip, which is any pole, rod or antenna, that is securely mounted on the vehicle and which extends at least eight (8) feet from the surface of the ground when the vehicle is stopped.

When the vehicle is stopped, the whip shall be capable of standing upright when supporting the weight of any attached flags.

At least one whip attached to each vehicle shall have a solid red or orange colored safety flag with a minimum size of six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches and be attached within ten (10) inches of the top of the whip. Flags may be of pennant, triangle, square, or rectangular shape. Club or other flags may be mounted below the safety flag or on a second whip.

(4) When a vehicle is operated in the dunes area, which is that land area extending from the first line of sand dunes inland outside Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve, the vehicle shall have additional equipment as follows:

(A) Each vehicle, except motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) shall be equipped with adequate roll bars or roof structure of sufficient strength to support the weight of the vehicle and shall have a secure seat and seat belt for the vehicle operator and each passenger. Seat belts shall be as specified in the California Vehicle Code.

(B) Each vehicle shall be equipped with a whip as described in section 4609(a)(3).

(b) No person shall operate any vehicle at a greater speed or in any other manner than is safe or prudent having regard for weather, visibility, traffic conditions, presence of pedestrians, and the nature of the terrain on which the vehicle is being operated, and in no event at a speed or in a manner which endangers the health or safety of persons or property.

(c) No person shall operate a vehicle in a manner which endangers the health or safety of any occupant under the age of eighteen.

(d) No person shall allow any person under the age of eighteen to operate a vehicle in a situation where his or her health or safety is endangered as a result of the operation of the vehicle.

Note: Authority cited: Section 5003 and 5008, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 5003, 5008, 5090.32(b), 5090.32(c), and 5090.35(a), Public Resources Code; and Sections 4000, 21113, 38010 and 38316, Vehicle Code.