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Dear Parents and students

With the End of Year school holidays and “Silly Season” fast approaching, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Ranger Services would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the Laws and dangers involving the use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV’s).

There are no areas within City limits that provide for the use of off road vehicles, the reasons for this is that there are environmentally sensitive areas around the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder which can be damaged, along with the noise and dust created, which are the main complaints received by the Rangers Department.

In terms of the law:

- It is an offence to operate an ORV within 5km of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and significant penalties apply including the issuing of infringements and the impounding of vehicles.
- The Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978 states that, a person may not ride an off-road vehicle on any land, including public land, without consent from the landowners.

In terms of safety, the main concerns we notice when attending ORV complaints are:

- Personal Protective Equipment not being worn while riding e.g. helmets, riding gear.
- Potential hazard to pedestrians and other road users
- Lack of road rule knowledge
- Disregard and “hoon like” behaviour towards Authorised Officers and other community members

To report ORV’s using city land; please contact Ranger Services on 9021 9697 during business hours. Please be advised that the more information provided to the Rangers about offenders the better. It would be very beneficial and greatly appreciated to have the address and/or identity of the offending person or persons provided, if known, so that we are able to follow up appropriately.

Rangers will attend the reported location when possible; however, please be aware that for the safety of offending riders, Rangers and other members of the community, the Rangers will not pursue or “chase” offenders.

We here at Ranger Services would like to wish you all a safe and happy holidays and thank you in advance for your time and assistance regarding this matter.

Kind Regards

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Ranger Services Team