

Info Note: Noise Source: Motor Bikes and ORV's on Private Land

Noise Issue

Motor bikes and other off road vehicles (ORV) can be noisy and as such can affect residential amenity. It is important that users of motor bikes and ORV's are aware of their rights and responsibilities with regard to noise from their equipment.

Noise Regulations

Western Australian Noise Regulations classify unlicensed motorbikes and ORV's as 'specified equipment'. Specified equipment is defined as, 'equipment that requires the constant presence of an operator for its use'. This also includes equipment such as lawn mowers, chain saws, grinders etc

Hours of Operation

According to the Noise Regulations, 'specified equipment' may be used on residential premises for up to two hours per day, between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 7pm on Sundays/public holidays.

Unreasonable Noise

Where motor bikes/ORV's are not used in accordance with the above, the Shire may deem it to be unreasonable noise. Penalties for creating or contributing to unreasonable noise include on the spot fines of up to \$1000, confiscation of equipment and prosecution under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.

Noise Diary

When dealing with noise issues from motor bikes/ORV's on residential lots, the Shire will ask other residents to keep a noise diary documenting dates, times and duration of motor bikes/ORV's activities. The Shire may use such records as legal evidence against persons creating or contributing to unreasonable noise.

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