

# A PATH TOWARDS IMPROVED OHV RIDER SAFETY

## Findings from Injury Prevention Research in Nova Scotia



### COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION



#### Education

When asked what is the **most important thing** that could be done to ↓ injuries associated with OHV use, ↑ **education and awareness** was the top answer.



#### Enforcement

Lack of OHV enforcement was a concern for most, **78% of survey respondents never or rarely** saw an enforcement officer in the past 2 years.



#### OHV Policies

Some informants felt existing OHV policies were sufficient - they just need enhanced enforcement. Others suggested a review given exemptions, 'loopholes' and inconsistencies across Canada.



#### Environment/Engineering

Improvements to both **trail design and maintenance** as well as improvements in **OHV technology/design** were suggested as ways to reduce OHV-related injuries. **Trail connectivity**, allowing the safe passage **from trail-to-trail** or **trail to services**, was also noted as a way to improve rider safety.

