Shifting Gears

- Release the throttle.
- Shift to the next higher or lower gear by pulling up once or pushing down once on the shift pedal.
- Release the shift pedal.
- Push the throttle lever forward part way.

**WARNING**

HAZARD
Downshifting at high speeds.

WHAT CAN HAPPEN
Can cause the rear wheels to slide and the operator to lose balance. The operator may lose control of the vehicle and have an accident.

HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD
Slow down before shifting down to a lower gear. Try to match vehicle speed with the corresponding engine speed of the lower gear before completing the shift.

**CAUTION**

When shifting down to a lower gear, do not shift at such a high speed that the engine speed jumps excessively. This could cause engine damage.

NOTE

○ Do not keep your foot on the shift pedal after shifting gears, because the clutch remains disengaged.

Braking

- Close the throttle completely.
- Shift down one gear at a time so you are in 1st or SL (Super Low: KLF400 only) gear when you come to a complete stop.
- Under most conditions stop by pulling in the front brake lever and pressing down the rear brake pedal.
- For emergency braking disregard downshifting, and concentrate on applying the brakes as hard as possible without skidding.
- To stop while riding in reverse, close the throttle and gradually apply the brakes. Sudden application of the rear brake (KLF300C and 400: the front brake or the rear brake) can cause the front end of the vehicle to lift off the ground.

KLF300C and 400 are 4WD type. On these 4WD ATV's, all wheels (front and rear) are constantly driven by the drive train. This means that applying either the front brake (the right-hand brake lever) or the rear brake (the left-hand brake lever or the brake pedal) brakes both the front and rear wheels. Any brake application will brake the downhill wheels when climbing or descending hills. So, avoid sudden application of either the front or rear brakes. Apply both front and rear brakes gradually.

- Refer to the Climbing Hills and Descending Hills sections in the SAFE OPERATION chapter for the braking and riding techniques you must use when climbing and descending hills.
## WARNING

### HAZARD
Stalling, rolling backwards or improperly dismounting while climbing a hill.

### WHAT CAN HAPPEN
Could result in ATV overturning.

### HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD
Use proper gear and maintain steady speed when climbing a hill.
If you lose all forward speed:
- Keep weight uphill.
- Apply the brakes.
- Lock parking brake, after you are stopped.
If you begin rolling backwards:
- Keep weight uphill.
- Never apply either front or rear brakes suddenly while rolling backwards.
- Apply both front and rear brakes gradually.
- When fully stopped, lock parking brake.
Dismount on uphill side or to a side if pointed straight uphill.
Turn the ATV around and remount, following the procedure described in the Safe Operation chapter.

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### Stopping the Engine
- Close the throttle completely.
- Shift the transmission into neutral.
- Turn the ignition key to “OFF”.
- Turn the fuel tap lever to the “OFF” position.