

## SHIFTING GEARS

After starting the engine and letting it warm up, follow these procedures:

1. With the transmission in neutral, release the parking brake, but continue squeezing the rear brake lever.
2. With the throttle closed, press the upshift switch once to shift into 1st gear.
3. Release the rear brake lever and increase engine speed by gradually opening the throttle.
4. When speed increases, release the throttle and shift to 2nd gear by pressing the upshift switch once.
5. Repeat this sequence to progressively upshift to 3rd, 4th and 5th (top) gear.
6. To downshift, press the downshift switch once. Remember to close the throttle each time you shift to the next lower gear.

### NOTE:

- \* The transmission cannot be upshifted from neutral to first gear when the engine speed is above 3,000 rpm or the ground speed is above 2 mph (3 km/h).
- \* The transmission cannot be downshifted from 1st gear to neutral when the ground speed is above 2 mph (3 km/h).
- \* If the electric shift system malfunctions, the transmission cannot be shifted by pressing the gearshift switches. See your Honda dealer. (In an emergency, a gear may be selected manually so you may move the vehicle. See Emergency Gear Selection & Operation, page 73 ).

## **▲ WARNING**

### **POTENTIAL HAZARD**

**Shifting gears without releasing the throttle.**

### **WHAT CAN HAPPEN**

**Could cause loss of control or cause the ATV to overturn.**

### **HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD**

**Always release the throttle when shifting gears.**