

Making safe simple At play

ATV Safety

ATV Injury Facts

- ★ Children under 16 years old operating a full-size ATV are four times more likely to experience an injury requiring an emergency department visit.
- ★ ATV injuries commonly occur from rollover crashes, collisions with stationary objects and falling off the ATV.
- ★ The majority of fatalities result from injuries to the head and neck.
- ★ Non-fatal injuries commonly include broken bones and head injuries.

Always wear a helmet with eye protection and other protective clothing including:

- ★ Long sleeve shirt
- ★ Long pants
- ★ Ankle boots
- ★ Gloves

Keys to ATV Safety

- ★ Chose the ATV that is the right size for the operator's age.
- ★ Always follow the ATV manufacturer's minimum age requirements warning labels.

Reduce the risk of ATV injury to children.

- ★ Be aware of and enforce manufacturer's warning labels including:
 - Minimum age requirements
 - Single rider
- ★ Never allow anyone under 16 years old to operate a full size ATV.
- ★ Always supervise children under 16 years old on ATVs.
- ★ Operate ATVs on only trails and at an appropriate speed.
- ★ Be a good example - always demonstrate safe riding behavior and always wear proper protective equipment and clothing.

Every rider should take a hands-on rider safety course.

To find a rider safety course near you, visit:

- ★ Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: www.dnr.state.mn.us
- ★ ATV Safety Institute: www.atvsafety.org



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For more injury prevention tips, visit childrensmn.org