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All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety



In recent years, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) have become extremely popular. While sales of these vehicles have increased, so has the production of bigger and more powerful ATVs. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), between 2002 and 2003, the number of four-wheel ATVs in use increased by 700,000 units (13%). Serious injuries requiring emergency room treatment increased 10% from 113,900 in 2002 to 125,500 in 2003. In 2003, ATVs killed at least 111 children younger than 16 years of age accounting for 27% of all fatalities. Children under 16 suffered 38,600 serious injuries in 2003 which was 31% of all injuries. This age group received more serious injuries than any other group. Between 1985 and 2003, children under 16 accounted for 37% of all injuries.

Helmets may reduce the risk of nonfatal head injury by 64%.

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Ways to Protect Yourself:

- Always wear protective gear, such as a helmet and goggles
- Never ride on public roadways, only on designated trails
- Never ride if your intoxicated, tired, or on medication
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle
- Ride an ATV that has the right specifications for your age
- Riders younger than 16 should always be supervised
- Ride at safe speeds
- Take an ATV educational course

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