



ATV Safety

(All Terrain Vehicle)

- ATVs are involved in approximately 38,000 injuries and 100 deaths of children ages 16 and under each year
- Compared to a bike crash, an ATV crash is six times as likely to send a child to the hospital and 12 times as likely to kill a child
- ATV rollovers, collisions, and ejections can cause instantly fatal head injuries as well as serious nonfatal injuries to the head, spinal cord, and abdomen
- Helmets may reduce the risk of nonfatal head injury by 64% and may reduce the risk of death by 42%

Safety Tips

- Take a hands-on safety training course
- ATVs are not toys! They are powerful and potentially dangerous vehicles
- Always wear protective gear – especially a helmet
- Do not drive ATVs with a passenger or ride as a passenger
- Do not drive ATVs on paved roads
- Do not permit children to drive or ride adult ATVs. No children under 16 on ATVs!
- Do not drive ATVs while under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Associated Factors for Injuries in Youth Under 16 Years

- No helmet use
- Poor judgment and risk taking behaviors
- Male gender
- Operating an ATV larger than that recommended for their size and age
- Lack of physical size, strength, and coordination to operate an ATV
- Operating three-wheeled ATVs
- Increased driving exposure
- Operating on public roads, streets, and highways
- Riding with a passenger

Colorado State Laws

- All ATVs are required to be registered and numbered, except ATVs used for agricultural purposes or used on owner's private property
- Registration is to be renewed once every year
- No one under 10 can operate an ATV on roads designated as off-highway vehicle routes, unless they are under the supervision of a person with a driver's license
- ATVs may not be used on paved roads or highways, except to cross these roads for agricultural purposes
- No ATV shall be operated on public lands without a lighted headlight and tail light between sunset and sunrise

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