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

- Choose 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

For more injury prevention tips, visit childrensmn.org