

**Preventing injuries.
Protecting our future.**



All-Terrain Vehicle Safety

Children and adolescents riding on ATVs are at risk of serious injury or even death. Nemours Children's Health System supports the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy statement, which strongly recommends that children under the age of 16 not ride ATVs. Children under 16 years of age lack the physical strength, coordination and judgment to drive an ATV safely in all situations. ATV crashes can lead to significant head and neck injuries, abdominal trauma, and may even lead to death.

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24 percent of deaths related to ATVs occur in children under 16.

Children under 16 make up almost one-third of the estimated ATV-related injuries treated in emergency departments each year.



Riding ATVs can be dangerous for children under 16 for a number of reasons:

- ATVs have a high center of gravity, creating a tendency to roll over.
- ATVs can sustain high rates of speed.
- ATVs can weigh up to 850 lbs.

If you or your family members choose to ride an ATV, we urge you to do it safely:

- Always follow the manufacturer's minimum age recommendation.
- Participate in an ATV safety training course.
- Always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing.
- Do not drive with (or be) a passenger on an ATV.
- Avoid riding at night.
- Use caution on uneven terrain.
- Never drive an ATV on paved roads.
- Never operate an ATV while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



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