

All-terrain vehicles - or ATVs - are not toys. They are powerful, heavy machines.

- Most ATV deaths involve head injuries.
- Kids under 16 years old have a higher risk for injury and death on ATVs.
- Rolls and flips on hills and flat terrain are the most common causes of serious ATV injuries and deaths.
- Riding an ATV safely takes specific skills.
- Alcohol is found in more than half of the drivers who die in ATV crashes.





- Protect your head. Wear an approved helmet with face and eye protection.
- Age matters. Kids under 16 should not drive an adult ATV. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for age and size. Kids' level of development puts them at a higher risk for injury and death on ATVs. Make sure there is always close, visual, adult supervision.
- One rider. Refuse to carry or be a passenger on an ATV built for one person.
- Zero tolerance. Alcohol, drugs and ATVs don't mix.
- Get the skills. Take an ATV operator training course.
- Suit up. Wear safety gear including gloves, boots, and sturdy clothing.

For more information on safe riding, go to:

Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research Website: www.acicr.ualberta.ca Phone: 780-492-6019