

# ATV Safety Alert

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has concluded that ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) may present a risk of DEATH or SEVERE INJURY in certain circumstances. Accidents may occur for many reasons:

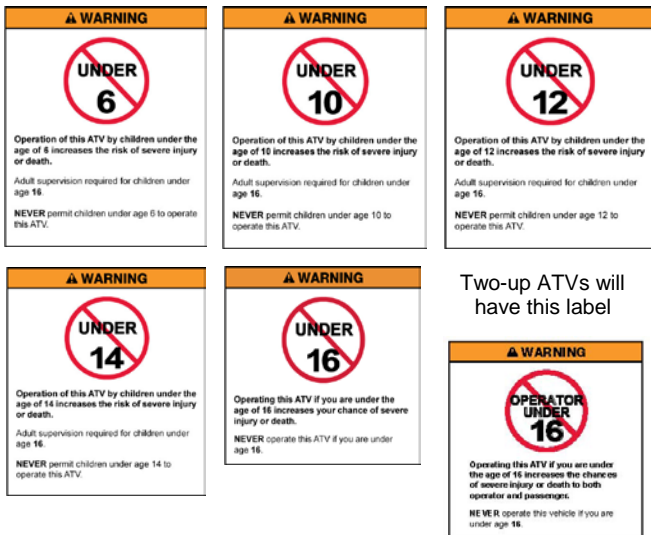
- Over 3,164 people, including many children, have died in accidents associated with ATVs since 2007. \*
- Many people have become severely paralyzed or suffered severe internal injuries as a result of accidents associated with ATVs.
- Every month thousands of people are treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries received while riding an ATV.

You should be aware that AN ATV IS NOT A TOY AND CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO OPERATE. An ATV handles differently from other vehicles, including motorcycles and cars. A collision or rollover can occur quickly, even during routine maneuvers such as turning and driving on hills and over obstacles, if you fail to take proper precautions.

## TO AVOID DEATH OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY:

- ALWAYS READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THE OPERATING PROCEDURES DESCRIBED. PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WARNINGS IN THE MANUAL AND ON ALL LABELS.
- NEVER OPERATE AN ATV WITHOUT PROPER INSTRUCTION. TAKE A TRAINING COURSE. BEGINNERS SHOULD COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE DESCRIBED BELOW.

## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S MINIMUM AGE RECOMMENDATION WARNING LABEL ON THE ATV.



- NEVER ALLOW A CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OLD TO OPERATE AN ATV WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. CHILDREN NEED TO BE OBSERVED CAREFULLY BECAUSE NOT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE STRENGTH, SIZE, SKILLS OR JUDGMENT NEEDED TO OPERATE AN ATV SAFELY.
- NEVER CARRY A PASSENGER ON A SINGLE-RIDER ATV. CARRYING A PASSENGER MAY UPSET THE BALANCE OF THE ATV AND MAY CAUSE IT TO GO OUT OF CONTROL.
- ALWAYS AVOID PAVED SURFACES. ATVS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO BE USED ON PAVED SURFACES AND PAVEMENT MAY SERIOUSLY AFFECT HANDLING AND CONTROL.
- NEVER OPERATE AN ATV ON A PUBLIC ROAD, EVEN A DIRT OR GRAVEL ONE, BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH OTHER VEHICLES. ALSO, OPERATING AN ATV ON A PUBLIC ROAD MAY BE AGAINST THE LAW.
- NEVER OPERATE AN ATV WITHOUT AN APPROVED MOTORCYCLE HELMET, EYE PROTECTION, BOOTS, GLOVES, LONG PANTS AND A LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT OR JACKET.
- NEVER CONSUME ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BEFORE OR WHILE OPERATING AN ATV.
- NEVER OPERATE AN ATV AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS. GO AT A SPEED, WHICH IS PROPER FOR THE TERRAIN, VISIBILITY CONDITIONS AND YOUR EXPERIENCE.
- NEVER ATTEMPT TO DO WHEELIES, JUMPS OR OTHER STUNTS.
- ALWAYS BE CAREFUL WHEN OPERATING AN ATV, ESPECIALLY WHEN APPROACHING HILLS, TURNS AND OBSTACLES AND WHEN OPERATING ON UNFAMILIAR OR ROUGH TERRAIN.
- NEVER LEND YOUR ATV TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT TAKEN A TRAINING COURSE OR HAS NOT BEEN DRIVING AN ATV FOR AT LEAST A YEAR.

## Training Course

Anyone who purchased a new ATV after December 30, 1986, and everyone in the purchaser's immediate family who is within the recommended age group for the ATV purchased, is entitled to take a training course at no additional charge. Others can take the training course for a small fee. Ask an authorized dealer for the details or call (800) 887-2887 for training information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ATV SAFETY, CALL THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION AT (800) 638-2772 OR THE ATV DISTRIBUTORS' SAFETY HOTLINE AT (800) 852-5344.