

A Note to Parents

As a parent, you hold the key to your child's safety. Parental supervision is vital to a child's safety when operating an ATV. Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised when riding an ATV. Please prepare your child to make smart and safe choices when operating and riding an ATV.



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ATV SAFETY AND LAWS

BE SMART WHEN RIDING AN ATV!

SAFETY

ATVs or All-Terrain Vehicles can be dangerous to operate or ride if you are unaware of safety precautions and laws. To help stay safe while operating an ATV, follow some common sense safety tips.

- Get trained on how to safely drive or ride an ATV
- ALWAYS wear protective gear- especially a helmet- when riding an ATV
- Children should not be allowed to ride or operate an adult ATV
- Do not drive ATVs with a passenger or ride as a passenger if the ATV is designed to carry only one person
- Do not drive ATVs on paved roads
- Do not drive ATVs while under the influence of alcohol or drugs



North Carolina State ATV Laws

- ◆ No one under age 8 may operate an ATV
- ◆ Children under 12 may only operate an ATV under 70cc
- ◆ Children under age 16 may only operate an ATV 90 cc or less
- ◆ Children under 16 must be supervised by a person at least age 18
- ◆ Passengers may not be carried unless the ATV was designed to carry passengers
- ◆ All ATV riders must wear a helmet and eye protection
- ◆ ATV use on public streets and highways is prohibited except to cross
- ◆ No ATV shall be operated without a lighted headlight and taillight from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise
- ◆ Effective October 1, 2006, every ATV operator born on or before January 1, 1990, must have an ATV certificate

North Carolina ATV Statistics

Reported Deaths (1982-2007) **324**

Reported Deaths (2005-2007) **68**

Reported Deaths of Children Under 16 (1982-2004) **85**

Cherokee County ATV Statistics

Reported Deaths (2008-2009) **3**

For more information on ATV safety please go to www.atvsafety.gov

