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In the U.S. about 40,000 children under the age  
of 16 are treated in emergency departments for  
ATV-related injuries each year.

ATV riding is not child's play.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that  
children under 16 years of age NOT operate ATVs.

For more information contact  
Childhood Agricultural Safety Network  
at 1-800-662-6900 or visit [www.childagsafety.org](http://www.childagsafety.org)



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In many cases where children have been injured or killed in an ATV incident, the parents were unaware that **ATVs**:

## **Roll over easily:**

- ATVs have a high center of gravity, making them more likely to roll over and land on the rider.

## **Are not meant for passengers:**

- Most ATVs are built for one person.
- Passengers can affect the stability and control of the ATV, causing them to tip more easily.

## **Can weigh up to 800 lbs.:**

- Adult sized machines pose a high risk to children under 16 due to the drastic differences in weight between the child and the machine.

## **Are responsible for multiple childhood injuries and deaths:**

- Children account for 37% of ATV-related injuries and 28% of ATV-related fatalities each year. There are more than 130 ATV-related fatalities among children each year.

## **Require helmets:**

- ATV helmets may reduce risk of death by 42% and nonfatal injury by 64%.

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