

Safety Strategies

- Always wear a helmet, especially on ATVs
- Take a safety course
- No children under 16 operate an adult-size ATV or any UTV
- Do not drive ATVs or UTVs on paved and/or public roads
- Ensure operator is able to safely operate vehicle/perform task
- Do not operate vehicles when under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- No passengers on ATVs designed for a single rider or operated by youth
- No passengers in cargo beds or on racks
- No passengers under 12 years old in UTVs
- Make sure all UTV riders are seated and wearing a seatbelt or harness
- Supervise children and inexperienced riders
- All riders wear eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt
- Install crush protection devices on ATVs used at lower speeds (< 30 mph)
- Ensure two-way communication is available, but avoid distractions such as cell phones while operating a vehicle
- Avoid slopes and uneven ground
- Ensure loads are appropriately sized, balanced and secured
- Youth do not engage in high risk activities (e.g., loading/unloading vehicle for transport, spraying, operating after dark)
- No sprayers on the rack of vehicles
- Use UTVs rather than ATVs when possible

***Use ATV or UTV work guidelines from [CultivateSafety.org](https://www.cultivate-safety.org/aywg)/AYWG**

For More Information

- **Consumer Product Safety Commission**
www.cpsc.gov
 - ATV Safety Information Center
 - ATV Statistics Infographic
 - PSA: Keep Riders Off Roads
 - Annual Report of ATV-Related Deaths and Injuries
- **AgInjuryNews**
Injury & Fatality Incidents
[AgInjuryNews.org](https://www.aginjurynews.org)
- **Child Ag Safety Information**
[ChildAgSafety.org](https://www.childagsafety.org)
[CultivateSafety.org](https://www.cultivate-safety.org)
- **Work Guidelines**
[CultivateSafety.org](https://www.cultivate-safety.org/aywg)/AYWG
- **National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety**
nccrahs@marshfieldresearch.edu
1-800-662-6900
- **North Central Extension Regional Activity**
ATV White Paper
ag-safety.extension.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/ATV-White-Paper-2020-NCERA-197.pdf



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All Terrain & Utility Task Vehicles



Whether you are
riding to *work*
or riding to *play*,
please ride to *live*
by being *safe*



*Younger Colin with broken helmet
(Inset: Colin today at age 15)*

Helmets prevent ATV injury

A 7-year-old ATV rider survived a rollover with no serious injuries, thanks to a helmet. Colin, now 15, recalls riding with his cousin along a central Illinois creek, steering his ATV through tall grass. "I was reversing in overdrive, had the handlebars turned sharp right, and my left tire hit a rock," said Colin. The machine rolled completely over him, damaging his helmet and breaking the visor. He also remembers his leg hurting badly, but it was not broken. A helmet is required riding gear for Colin and his brother Karsten, who has also experienced an ATV rollover. Their mother, Jennifer, said it is difficult to describe the anxiety that surges through a parent when they hear their child has been involved in an incident. "If not for the helmet, it could have been so much worse," she said. Experts agree, and say that **wearing a helmet is the number one injury prevention step riders can take.**

Story link: <https://vimeo.com/187709201>

About ATVs & UTVs

ATVs and UTVs have become increasingly popular over the last few decades. Many find them fun to drive. Others find multiple uses for them in their work, such as towing or hauling things, pulling small implements, plowing snow and transportation.

While fun to drive and useful for work, ATVs and UTVs can also be dangerous. In the U.S., there are more than 100,000 emergency room visits annually due to ATV/UTV injuries, and approximately 650 people die in ATV/UTV incidents each year. About 25 – 50% of these injury and fatality incidents involve children.

- ATVs and UTVs can weigh more than 2,000 lbs.
- ATVs and UTVs roll over easily
- Most ATVs are not meant for passengers
- Rollovers, run-overs, falls and ejection from ATVs and UTVs are common causes of injuries and fatalities
- ATVs and UTVs are not designed for roadway use and are especially prone to rollovers on paved roads.
- What's legal isn't always safe. Ride smart. Ride to live.

References

CPSC - ATV Annual Report

CPSC - ATV Statistics Infographic

Retrieved from cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/ATV-Safety-Information-Center



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<https://cultivatesafety.org/casn>

9-year-old dies in UTV incident

A 9-year-old boy died after he fell off a utility task vehicle (UTV) and went underneath a mower in southwestern Wisconsin. The incident happened as the 39-year-old father was driving a Polaris Ranger in rural Grant County with his three children riding on the back, according to a sheriff's department report. The UTV was towing a rotary brush mower that had its own motor running.

The family had been putting up deer cameras and mowing trails on the property before the incident. "Derek stood up in the back of the Ranger to grab a walnut as we passed," said his father, Steve Lendosky. "As he grabbed the walnut he never let go. The walnut never came off the tree; it pulled him and he stumbled off the back of the Ranger."

"The tough thing for our kids is that they were present and watched their brother die. It obviously will scar them for life."

Story link: youtu.be/CNys7GzA34E

