ATV & ROV SAFETY TIPS

DID YOU KNOW?

There were 37,925 emergency department visits among children ages 0-19 due to ATV injuries in 2020.

ATV (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE) SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear your gear including a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- ATVs are designed to be operated off-highway and should not be operated on public or paved roads.
- Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV.
- Ride an ATV that’s right for your age.
- Supervise riders younger than 16.
- Ride only on designated trails and at safe speeds.
- ATV riders should take a hands-on safety training course.
- Do not operate ATVs while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Read and follow the operator’s manual and warning labels.

ROV (RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE) SAFETY TIPS

- Always wear a helmet and protective gear.
- Always use the seat belt and keep all body parts inside the vehicle.
- Ride only in designated areas and at safe speeds; use caution when turning and driving across inclined terrain.
- Do not operate ROVs while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not operate an ROV unless you are 16 or older or have a valid driver’s license. ROVs are not toys.
- Do not transport more passengers than the vehicle is designed for. Do not allow a passenger too small to sit in a passenger seat to ride in the ROV.
- Read and follow the operator’s manual and warning labels.
- ROV operators should take a hands-on safety training course.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) RECOMMENDS THAT CHILDREN UNDER 16 – WHO ARE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE – SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE OR RIDE OFF-ROAD VEHICLES