**ATV-Related Fatalities**

Between 1982 and 2010, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) received 11,001 reports of ATV-related fatalities.

2,775 of these fatalities were children under the age of sixteen. That’s 25%. One out of every four.

That accounts for 43% of all child ATV-related deaths.

Between 2000 and 2005, 694 adults and 174 children died every year from ATV-related injuries.

**ATV Risk Factors**

- **Head injuries** are the leading cause of ATV-related death among children, accounting for half of all ATV-related child fatalities.

  Studies show that teens frequently go without using a helmet, with one study reporting that as many as 40% skip helmets regularly.

  Between 1997 and 2002, most child fatalities involved at least one of the following risk factors:

  - 93% were riding an adult-sized ATV.
  - 72% were not wearing helmets.
  - 45% involved multiple riders.
  - 25% occurred on paved roads.

  Many of these deaths could have been prevented.

**ATV Safety Tips**

- Always wear a helmet and other safety gear.
- Don’t ride on pavement.
- Don’t ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Don’t ride tandem.
- Don’t put children on adult ATVs.
- Supervise riders younger than 16.
- Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
- Minimize night-time riding.
- Take an ATV safety course.

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**CSN Children’s Safety Network**

National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center

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