ATVs are not toys and can be dangerous. They can weigh more than 700 pounds, travel more than 60 miles per hour, and easily roll or tip over. Training and proper use are essential to safe riding.

**Safety tips**

1. Sign up for an ATV safety class.
2. Always wear protective gear, including:
   - Helmet
   - Over-the-ankle boots
   - Goggles
   - Gloves
   - Long pants
   - Long-sleeved shirt
3. Stay on designated trails and off public roadways.

**Injury risks**

Most ATV-related deaths are caused by head injuries. Other risks include:

- Head and spinal trauma
- Abdominal injuries
- Abrasions, lacerations and fractures
- Burn injuries

Until they are fully licensed under state law to operate a motor vehicle, children should not operate or ride any ATV. The risks of injury or death are too great for a child to ride, no matter the reason.

Visit [www.safekidsfayettecounty.com](http://www.safekidsfayettecounty.com) or call 859-323-1153 for more information.