

**PLAY IT
SAFE,
GEORGIA!**

For Clinicians

ATV SAFETY

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Why We CARE

4 CHILDREN EVERY HOUR are treated for ATV injuries. That's **112,300 injuries** associated with ATVs treated in U.S. hospital EDs in 2020.

300 children under 16 **died in ATV accidents** (from 2016 through 2018).

98% of **deaths and injuries** among ATV riders **younger than 16** have occurred when they were **on adult-size vehicles**.

DID YOU KNOW?



Children under 16 SHOULD NOT be allowed to operate an ATV. Period.

How to PLAY IT SAFE

Talk with parents and caregivers about ATV safety. Some conversation starters:

“Do you own an ATV or have family or friends who do? If so, let's talk about how to keep your child safe.”

"Did you know that bicycle, skateboard, and ATV helmets are *not* interchangeable? Use only a DOT-certified ATV helmet.”

DRIVE HOME THESE ATV SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS

- Only one person per ATV. No passengers.
- Stay off public roads.
- Don't ride at night.
- Wear a DOT-approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes.



Give them the **Toolkit sheet for Parents and Caregivers**—and **point out the sections** on **How to Play It Safe** and **Get ATV Training**.

Refer to this table to discuss **age-appropriate ATV usage** with parents and caregivers. Point out that children under 12 should never drive or ride on an ATV; ages 12 to 15 should ride only youth models. **Waiting until age 16 to drive an ATV is recommended.**

Age	Drive an ATV?	Be an ATV passenger?
Under 6	NEVER	NEVER
6 to 11	NEVER	NEVER
12 to 15	YES but youth models only	NEVER
16 and up	YES	NEVER



TELL THEM TO CALL 911

if their child is in an accident related to an ATV—**even if they were wearing a helmet or other safety gear** and **even if they seem okay**.

PLAY IT SAFE

with poison prevention, safe sleep, firearms, teen driving, and more with the **Georgia AAP Toolkit**—gaaap.org/new-play-it-safe-injury/.

