

ATV SAFETY

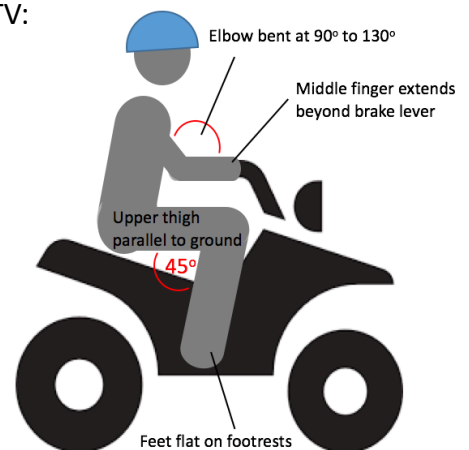


Parents Guide To All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety

- Parents and other care givers should provide an example of safe ATV riding habits.
- Children under 16-years old should never operate adult size ATVs.
- Passengers should never be on ATVs designed for a single rider.
- Children should never ride on paved or unpaved roads for work or for play.
- Make sure your child always wears a helmet and proper gear such as eye protection, boots, gloves, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt.

- Here is how you can tell your child is riding the right size ATV:

- While standing on the footrests, is there at least 4 inches between them and the seat?
- Can they reach the throttle and brake while sitting upright?
- Can they turn the handlebars fully in each direction while also maintaining control of the throttle and brake?
- A “No” to any of these questions means they are not on the right size vehicle.



- Have your child take a hands-on ATV safety course (on-line courses are also available but won't include practice in proper riding techniques).

Current Manufacturing Standards for Youth ATVs¹

AGE IN YEARS	ATV YOUTH LABEL	MAXIMUM SPEED WHEN RESTRICTED ²	MAXIMUM SPEED WHEN UNRESTRICTED ²
Less than 6	No ATVs are designed for use by children under 6-years-old		
6 and older	Y-6+	10 mph	15 mph
10 and older	Y-10+	15 mph	30 mph
12 and older	Y-12+	15 mph	30 mph
14 and older	Y-14+/T	20 mph	30 to 38 mph

¹ Previous recommendations were based on engine size: Under 6 years old, No ATVs for this age group; 6-11 years old, <70cc; 12-15 years old, ≤90 cc.

² These speeds have not been proven to be safe. Parents should always err on the side of slower speeds.
