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ATV RELATED INJURIES



Most common type of ATV injuries are Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) & Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI).



TBIs can occur when an ATV rider hits his/her head in an accident, crash or rollover.



Studies have found that teenage ATV riders have more severe injuries and more head injuries than any other age group.

ATV Statistics



Children under age 16 are at the highest risk of injury and death.



In 2009, UMC saw about 64 injuries, and all were under the age of 16.



Of the 380 ATV injuries seen at UMC since 2004, only 9% were wearing helmets.

ATV Statistics



205 deaths were reported in MS from 1999–2008 due to ATV crashes. Over 40% were children and youth.



Of the ATV–related deaths in MS, four out of five were not wearing helmets.



Children under 16 years old are twice as likely to be injured or die in an ATV crash.

Senate Bill 2196

ATV Law



No one may operate an ATV on public property in MS unless everyone under sixteen (16) years of age (riding on the ATV) are wearing a helmet.



There is a fine of \$25.00 - \$50.00 if the above law is violated.



The law mentioned above will go into effect July 01, 2011.

10 Golden Rules of ATV Safety

 Always wear a helmet and other protective gear.

 Never ride on public roads;
another vehicle could hit you.

 Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

 Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle.

10 Golden Rules of ATV Safety



Ride an age appropriate ATV.



Supervise riders under 16.

ATVs are not toys.



Ride only on designated trails and at safe speeds.

10 Golden Rules of ATV Safety



Take an ATV Rider Course.



Carry a communication device with
you at all times.



Do not attempt stunts or tricks while
riding an ATV.

ATV Rider Course

Taking an *ATV Rider Course* results in the following benefits for participants:

 Improves riding skills

 Builds confidence

 Gets youth off to the right start

 Provides a great way to meet other riders

 Reduces the number of ATV-related injuries and deaths in Mississippi.



ATV Helmets



For a helmet to fit properly, it must feel comfortable on your head.



Helmets should fit snugly, but not painfully tight so that the helmet doesn't move.



A full-face helmet should grip your cheeks and jaw as well as the top and sides of your head.

Is an “OLD” helmet okay?



A helmet is good for only one impact.



If you ever dent or crack your helmet, you must get a new one.



They have a limited life span and must be replaced after five years.



A damaged helmet increases your risk of serious injury or death in an ATV accident.

Conclusion

Helmets are the single most effective means of preventing head injuries that result in death or permanent disability. The helmet you put on your head may be the only thing responsible for saving your life.

Resources

http://msucares.com/4h_Youth

<http://4wheeldrive.about.com>

www.classbrain.com

www.atvsaftey.gov

[Brain Injury Association of Mississippi](#)

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