Motor Vehicle Safety – ATV’s

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Golden Rules

1. Always wear Department of Transportation compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
2. Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law – another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV.
5. Children under 16 should not ride ATVs.
6. It is highly recommended to take a hands-on safety course.
Other Good Tips

- Always inspect vehicle before riding.
- Make sure to use the right size vehicle.
- If you are tired, stop driving.
- Ask questions and make sure you feel comfortable driving the vehicle.
- Maybe get ATV insurance.

Stats

- The number of annual ATV related injuries increased from 10,000 in 1982 to 150,000 in 2007.
- Nearly 75% of all ATV crashes result in debilitating brain and spinal cord injuries.
- Colorado - 270 deaths
- Texas - 798 deaths
Sources

- [https://atvsafety.org/the-golden-rules/](https://atvsafety.org/the-golden-rules/)
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