

Children and ATV Safety: Ride Responsibly

ATVs are fun and handy for off-road use, but they shouldn't be mistaken for toys. With safety in mind, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth), shares these startling facts and important tips to keep Hudson Valley children and families safe.

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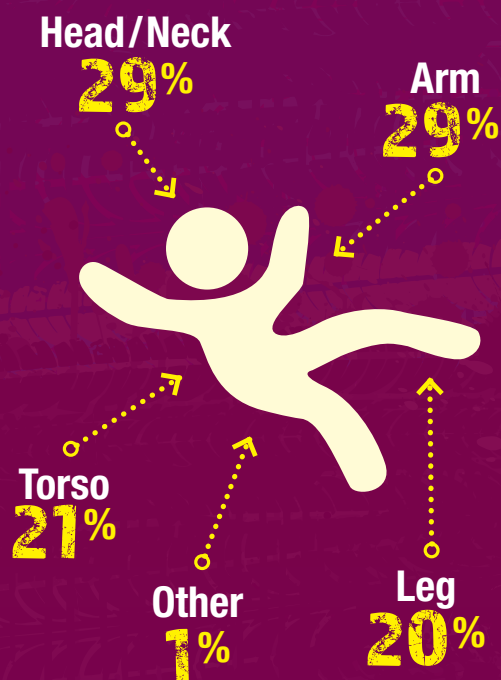
100,000
ATV-related injuries
each year



700
ATV-related deaths

(Consumer Product Safety Commission)

Most Common ATV-related Injuries



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In the past 5 years:



52 children were
admitted to Maria Fareri
Children's Hospital for
ATV-related injuries



32 of these
patients were
under the age
of 14



Only **50%**
of the 52 patients
wore a helmet

ATV Riding Dos and Don'ts

DO:



Wear a **helmet**, **eye protection** and **protective gear** (boots, gloves, long pants and jacket)



Ride on **designated trails** at **safe speed**



Ride only on a vehicle
appropriate for
your **size**



Ensure proper
maintenance
of the ATV

DON'T:



Ride on **public roads**



Ride under the
influence of
drugs or alcohol



Allow any
passengers on a
single-rider ATV



Allow a **child**
on an ATV



Ride an ATV
at **night**