

# All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's)

## Did you know that...

- **ATV's come in all sizes** – from small and cute, to big and powerful?
- **ATV's can be dangerous** and **require considerable skill** to operate safely?
- it's **against Alabama Law** to operate an ATV on public roads?
- unfortunately, neither an **operator's license nor a safety course graduation are required** prior to operating an ATV in Alabama?
- **appropriate safety equipment**, such as a helmet, knee/elbow padding, and suitable clothing **can help protect you** while riding an ATV?
- since January 2000 the Alabama Child Death Review System has reviewed at least **20 ATV related infant and child deaths?** Of these...:
  - sixteen had **operators 16 years old or younger!**
  - at least **4 deaths occurred to a "passenger"** on the ATV!
  - **"passenger" fatalities** ranged in age from **10 to 2 years old!**
- **your Local Child Death Review Team wants you to know** of these dangers!

## What does all this mean?

- ATV's are not TOYS!  
Regardless of size they can be very dangerous.
- At the very least, don't let unsupervised children ride on or operate an ATV – regardless of the size of the ATV!
- Always require ATV operators to wear appropriate safety equipment.
- Never allow children to ride as passengers on an ATV.
- Always require children to complete an approved ATV safety course prior to allowing them to operate an ATV (solo or supervised)!

