

Please Support Legislation To Protect Children From The Dangers of ATVs [All terrain vehicles]

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South Carolina ATV Statistics: [Source: US Product Safety Commission]

- ∞ Estimated 450 children injured each year on ATVs.
- ∞ 1 -2 children die each year because of ATVs
- ∞ 95% of children injured on ATVs are riding adult-sized ATVs

- ∞ Adult sized ATVs have an average weight of 550 pounds and can reach speeds up to 75 miles per hour. Unlike cars, they have no seat belt or metal frame to protect the rider in a collision or rollover.
- ∞ Children lack the physical strength, motor coordination, perceptual abilities, and cognitive skills needed to safely handle an ATV – especially on uneven terrain.
- ∞ The *American Academy of Pediatrics* described child ATV use as the “**perfect recipe for tragedy**”, recommending that children should not ride or operate an ATV until age 16.
- ∞ South Carolina is not among the 44 states that currently have ATV safety laws. Of these states, 31 have minimum age requirements, 25 have helmet requirements, and 19 have safety education requirements. A study done in 2003 demonstrated the effectiveness of ATV safety legislation. [UNC & U of Michigan]
- ∞ H 3681, “*Chandler’s Law*”, was passed by the House in April 2009. It is currently residing on the Senate’s calendar. It establishes the following requirements for non-farming/ hunting ATV operation:
 - Minimum age of operation is six years of age.
 - Children under 16 years of age must wear basic safety equipment, ride manufacturer-recommended size ATVs, and complete a safety education course.



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