

Resources

ATV Safety Education Programs

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The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety does not endorse nor recommend particular safety programs. Five selected programs are described below utilizing a variety of safety strategies promoting safe ATV practices. Given the limitation of existing evaluation of youth ATV safety education, it would be premature to draw conclusions regarding the value of individual programs. These programs should be monitored through evaluation to document their impact on knowledge, attitudes, practices, and injury experience of program participants.

Contact the programs listed below for further information about setting up local ATV activities. Training resources in your state or community can be identified by contacting the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) at 800-887-2887. If you know of any innovative community-based ATV safety programs, please contact the National Children's Center at 888-924-7233 (SAFE).

Selected*Program Descriptions

Club Name/Address	Description
Becky Cropper 4-H Youth and Community Development Agent Brown County The Ohio State University 740 Mount Orab Pike Georgetown, OH 45 121 ☎ 5 13-378-6646	<p>The Brown County Cooperative Extension ATV Safety Program utilizes the national 4-H curriculum as a training model. The ATV safety participants enroll as 4-H members in a local club for a minimum of nine months. Currently, three ATV clubs are active in the county.</p> <p>Youth between the ages of 14 and 19 provide ATV training. All youth trainers complete the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute training course and receive additional training in public speaking, communication, and working with groups. The youth work closely with an adult advisor to maintain the highest level of safety. The club also utilizes a pre- and post-test to measure safety knowledge gained during participation in the club.</p> <p>An ATV "rodeo" at the county fair provides youth the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skills. Youth are questioned and judged on the identification of ATV parts; interviewed about safety issues; and demonstrate safe riding techniques as part of rodeo events.</p> <p>ATV safety remains in the forefront of the community through local media and ATV safety videos provided by the club that are available for loan from the local library.</p>
Paul Lawrence ATV Program Manager/4-H Volunteer 27 14 Wyandotte San Diego, CA 921 17-1655 ☎ 6 19-272-2575	<p>The California 4-H ATV program serves the youth and families of ten southern counties. California requires all youth under 18 years of age and operating an ATV on public lands to be certified through the California Division of Motor Vehicles. Instructors are certified and licensed through the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute and the California Division of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>The curriculum consists of a workbook, video, and classroom discussion. Registration costs cover materials and insurance. Modules taught include the use of ATVs on farms, carrying a hunting weapon safely, and discussions with off-road vehicle dealers about safety.</p>

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Blaine Yirsa Agricultural Extension Agent Delaware County Box 1020 Jay, OK 74346 ☎ 918-253-4332 Fax 918-253-8324	The Delaware County Cooperative Extension ATV Safety Club provides training based on the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute program. The club increases safety awareness and the image of youth who operate ATVs in the county. The club was formed because of youth access to ATVs and community awareness of youth ATV-related injuries. Club activities include trail rides for adults and youth, trail mapping, and community service projects. The annual state 4-H Roundup offers youth a variety of ATV safety events.
Roy Vaughan Agriculture and Natural Resource Coordinator New Mexico State University Box 3AE Las Cruces, NM 88003 ☎ 505-646-3026 Fax 505-646-3027	<p>The New Mexico Cooperative Extension offers state-wide technical assistance to county extension offices in establishing local ATV clubs. The National 4-H ATV Safety Program curriculum is available.</p> <p>The Cooperative Extension office sponsors a statewide campaign to increase helmet usage on youth operating ATVs. The campaign is called "No Helmet - No Brains." Thirty donated bulletin boards, posters, and brochures support the message.</p> <p>A display is available for loan to community and youth events statewide. The display includes a mannequin dressed in protective gear, an ATV, and printed information about youth ATV safety.</p>
Hector Tavarez Community Police Officer Egg Harbor Township Police Dept. "Ready-to-Ride" 3515 Bargain Town Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 ☎ 609-926-4040 Fax 609-926-4004	<p>The Egg Harbor Township Police Department addresses ATV safety by providing positive alternatives for youth. The program operates a 38-acre ATV riding facility for the club. Club activities include ATV safety training, recreational rides, and community service programs. Off-road vehicle safety is provided by Police Athletic League certified instructors.</p> <p>The Egg Harbor Township Police Department uses the safety program as an alternative to adjudication for first time youthful offenders charged with an off-road vehicle violation. For youth who choose the diversion program and complete the safety training, the charges are dismissed by the judge.</p> <p>The next challenge for the program is increasing parent involvement, developing an evaluation component, and maintaining the riding area.</p>

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