

All terrain vehicle (ATV) and other off road vehicle (ORV) operation can lead to deaths, injuries and property damage. Strong state legislation that provides a significant deterrent to illegal ORV operation will save lives and protect Public Safety.

ATV Death and Hospital Emergency-Room-Treated Injury Statistics from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission

The number of human deaths and hospital emergency-room treated injuries caused by All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) is a national tragedy. The families of people killed while riding ATV's have created a website at <http://www.atvsafetynet.org/> , where the public is able to find information about how dangerous this recreational activity really is.

Since 1982, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission has been collecting ATV death and injury data. Their current report is online at <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/atv2007.pdf> . The following is a summary of the ATV death statistics for the nation and New Jersey:

ATV Death Statistics from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission as of 12/31/07:

- **8,995 ATV-related deaths** have occurred in the United States from 1982 to 12/31/06.
- **542 ATV-related deaths** occurred across the United States in 2007.
- **67 ATV-related deaths occurred in New Jersey from 1982 to 12/31/07.** (This count may be revised upward with additional data).
- **17 ATV related deaths occurred in New Jersey from 2005-2007.** (This count may be revised upward with additional data).
- **2,497 ATV victims nationally (28%) from 1/1/82 to 12/31/07 were under the age of 16.**
- **1.1 in 10,000 ATV operators is estimated to be killed by their ATV.**

Hospital Emergency-Room-Treated Injuries Statistics:

- **2,167,100 emergency room ATV injuries** were treated across the country between 1982 and 12/31/07.
- **726,600 of the injury victims above were under the age of 16.**
- **150,900 ATV injuries** were estimated to have occurred across the country in 2007, the largest number in any recorded year.
- **40,000 (27%) of the 2007 ATV injury victims were under the age of 16.**
- **153.9 per 10,000 4-wheel ATV operators are estimated to be injured and require emergency room treatment.**