Unintentional All-Terrain Vehicle-Related Injuries Among Children Age 0-17 Years

Arizona, 2007

1,223 Arizona children were hospitalized or seen in an Arizona emergency department for a non-fatal ATV-related injury in 2007.

Over half of the non-fatal cases were seen in the hospital or ED between February and June.

9 children died in Arizona while riding ATVs in 2007. 6 of the children were not wearing helmets.

The 1,087 non-fatal emergency department visits totaled $3.5 million in hospital charges.

On average, each non-fatal inpatient hospitalization cost $36,127, and resulted in a hospital stay of 3.2 days.

The longest inpatient hospital stay for a non-fatal ATV-related injury was 21 days.

Total hospital charges for all non-fatal inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits were $8.4 million.

Prevent ATV-Related Injuries
• Follow minimum age recommendations on the ATV warning label
• Ride with adult supervision
• Wear a helmet and protective clothing
• Don’t ride double. Most ATVs are designed for only one rider.
• Ride off-road. ATVs are less stable on paved roads
• Children should not ride adult-sized ATVs.
  Under 12 years old: ride ATVs with 70cc engines or less
  12-16 years old: ride ATVs with 90cc engines or less
• Take an ATV Riders Safety Course

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