



N EXTENSION ATV-AWARE

The Issue

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are a useful mode of transportation on farms and ranches, yet there are known safety hazards associated with their use. Statistics from the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services show **578 hospital emergency room visits** due to ATV incidents in 2016, and that does not include a large number of accident victims treated elsewhere. Nationally, a staggering **44% of all fatalities** from 1982 to 2015 were age 12 and under. Education for awareness of safe behaviors related to ATV use is lifesaving for all ages.

As a result of attending this session, I plan to:

“share with grandchildren and son-in-law”



“wear my helmet”

“slow down”

“speak up and train my family”

“be more aware of what I am doing”

Extension Response



Together with Nebraska Safety Center, CHI Health Good Samaritan Health in Kearney, and Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, “ATV Aware” was born.

The program is available in a variety of settings.

Outdoor or indoor public events utilize a custom-made simulator to mimic an actual experience of riding an ATV and teach about safe riding behaviors



and laws. The program can also be an indoor presentation, customized for any age groups, with or without inclusion of the electric simulator experience.



The best thing this presenter did was...

“thoroughly addressed our questions”

“made very interesting”

“keep it fun”

“explain things correctly”

“4-wheeler demonstration”

