

# 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 child 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.

## The Response



Together, **Nebraska Extension, Nebraska Safety Center, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, and CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney** offer

“ATV Aware” as a program in a variety of settings. A custom-made simulator, made to mimic the actual experience of riding an ATV, lets participants learn about safe riding behaviors and laws. We will customize the experience for any outdoor or indoor public events, as well as programs for schools, organizations, clubs, or businesses, with or without the electric simulator.



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”*



The best thing this presenter did was:

*“thoroughly addressed our questions”*

*“made very interesting”*



*“kept it fun”*

*“4-wheeler demonstration”*

*“explain things correctly”*

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