

# Concerned Families for ATV Safety

United to prevent child ATV death and injury

## "HOW TO GET STARTED"

Concerned Families for ATV Safety are happy you decided to take action with regards to Children and ATV's. Here are a few tips on how to get started.

### **Awareness Campaign**

We have educational material such as posters, brochures and stickers available for a minimal fee through our website. There are many ways you can distribute these items. Some suggestions include safety fairs, schools, fun runs, doctors offices etc. You could also make a display with the poster and then use the brochures and any literature you want to copy from our site as handouts at special events where children might be present.

### **Legislation**

Getting laws passed in your state won't be an easy thing to do but well worth your efforts if you succeed. First you want to start by building alliances with those that will support your cause. Some of these include your Department of Public Health, (where you can get data on ATV deaths and injuries), any children's hospitals in your area, along with pediatricians and trauma surgeons, doctors and nurses who see these deaths and injuries first hand. The Safe Kids organization chapters and any other organization that has to do with children in your state. And most important is to find a senator or representative that is strong and willing to stand up for the safety of children when it comes to riding ATV's.

After you get these things in order you need to decide what kind of bill you want to present. Always start high when it comes to a minimum age requirement. Our stance is no child under the age of 16 but in your state you might have to start at 14 or even 12. The ATV groups along with the ATV Industry doesn't think there should be any age limit on kids riding these powerful machines, so start with everything you want then be somewhat willing to make small compromises where needed. Unfortunately the riders and the industry think that training, helmets and supervision is the answer. What they don't understand is that the weight of these machines are a big part of the problem and no matter how skilled a child is, if the ATV is too heavy they will not be able to control it safely ending with serious injuries or death.

**Good Luck and know that you can always contact us if you need to.**