

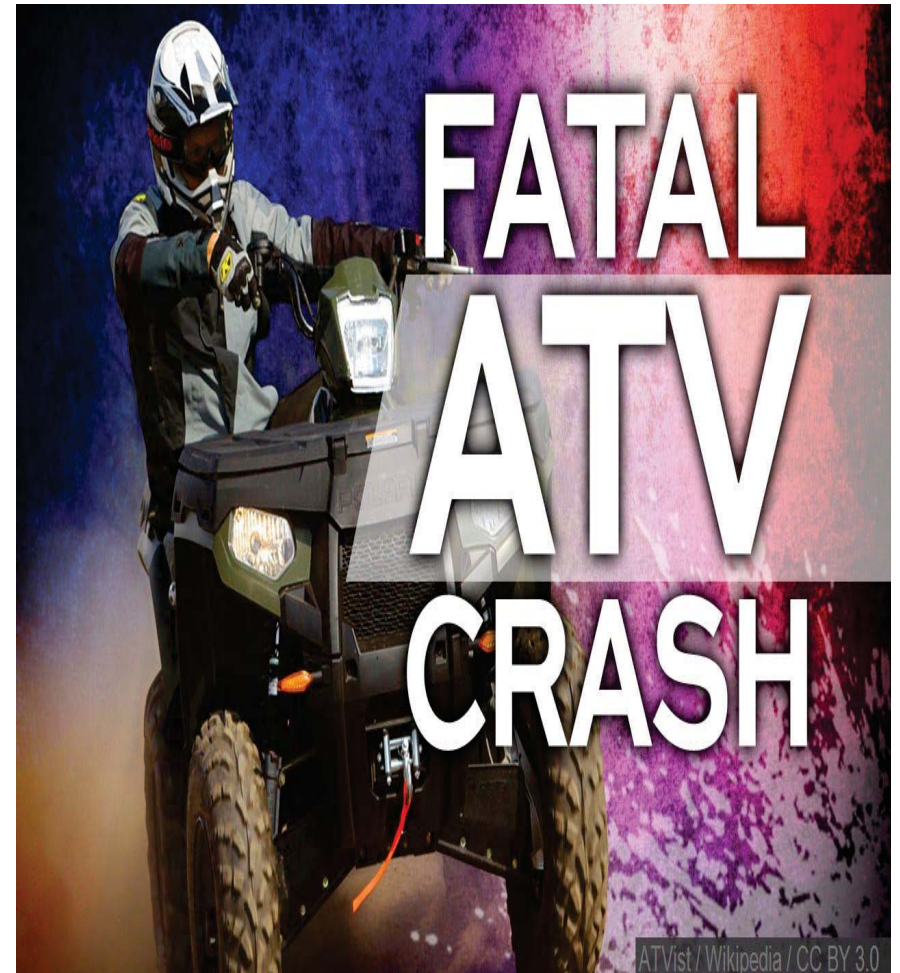


ATV SAFETY

Safety Division

Did you know: SNM 1 contacted SNM 2 to help him transport an ATV to a well-known common ATV location. After unloading the ATV, SNM 1 departed the area to fill his truck with gas. While away, SNM 2 made the decision to ride the ATV. By the time SNM 1 returned, first responders were on scene tending to SNM 2. SNM 2 was taken to a medical center by ambulance while in critical condition. SNM 2 deceased while at the medical center. SNM 2 was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, however, there was no record of the member having taken ATV training.

Lesson Learned: Self evaluation of skills is vitally important when deciding to ride in an unfamiliar environment.



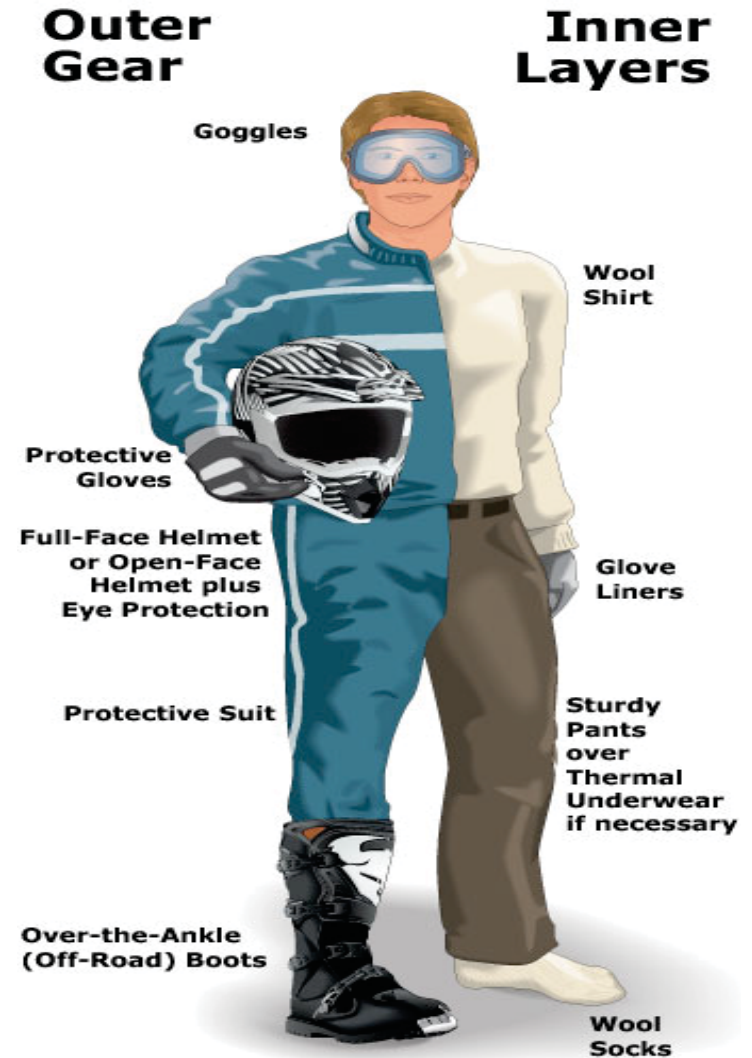


ATV SAFETY

Safety Division

The ATV Safety Golden Rules:

1. Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
2. Never ride on paved roads, except to cross when done safely and permitted by law - another vehicle could hit you. ATVs are designed to be operated off-road.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age/weight.
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.





ATV SAFETY

Safety Division

Commanders: Many Marines ride ATV's. Most are trained, skilled and safe riders. Talk with your Marines about the importance of self evaluation of skills, wearing proper PPE, and incorporating risk management into their riding. Even the most skilled ATV riders need to be reminded of safe riding practices.

