

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services

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RIDE RESPONSIBLY: HELP PREVENT ATV ACCIDENTS

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) is reminding community members about the importance of safe and responsible ATV operation following a recent incident involving youth in the community.

Officers responded to the situation, and one youth was transported to a local hospital with injuries. Thankfully, the injuries were not life-threatening. During the investigation, police learned that four people were riding on a single ATV and none were wearing helmets. This serves as a reminder of how quickly an enjoyable ride can become a serious situation when important safety precautions are not followed.

ATVs are powerful motor vehicles and should always be operated with care. Wearing an approved helmet, riding within the manufacturer's recommended passenger capacity, and ensuring the driver is properly authorized and experienced are all important steps in reducing the risk of serious injury.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to talk with their children about ATV safety, actively supervise young riders, and lead by example by practicing safe riding habits. These conversations and precautions can make a significant difference in helping prevent injuries or even death.

AMPS also reminds community members that ATV operation is subject to the Akwesasne ATV By-law. When operating an ATV on a roadway, operators must be at least 16 years of age, hold a valid driver's licence (minimum G2 or M2), and the ATV must be properly registered and insured. All operators and passengers are required to wear an approved helmet. When operating an ATV on private property, riders must be at least 12 years of age and wear an approved helmet.

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The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service remains committed to promoting safe and responsible ATV use through education and enforcement when necessary. By working together, we can help keep riders, passengers, and our community safe.

For more information about ATV safety or the Akwesasne ATV By-law, please contact the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service at 613-575-2340.