



TEAM News

Together Everyone Achieves More

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Dedicated to Kate Bruggenschmidt and all others who lost their lives due to ATV crashes.

Who We Are

Our Origin

On July 26, 2015, 11-year-old Kate Bruggenschmidt took a break between softball tournament games to hang out with some of her teammates. While at a friend's house, the girls decided to ride ATVs. Kate had never been on an ATV before. She didn't know the rules for safety. No helmets were provided and the ATV was too large for Kate's age and frame. A tragedy happened. The ATV Kate was driving flipped. She was killed instantly. Her parents lost their oldest child. Her sister lost her role model. The community lost a great kid.

Out of that loss was born "Play for Kate" and a grass-roots effort to increase the awareness of ATV safety precautions.

It did not take long for the momentum to pick up. Play for Kate was joined by the two trauma centers in our region—Deaconess and St. Mary's—as well as the Vanderburgh County Department of Health.

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TOGETHER**

Our Mission

The mission of the Coalition is to provide safety education and injury prevention as it relates to ATVs, thereby decreasing the incidence of injuries and fatalities and increasing the awareness of ATV safety guidelines.

Our Goals

By forming a Coalition, we hope to:

- Influence public policy regarding ATV safety
- Build a healthy community by reducing the number of ATV injuries and fatalities
- Provide ATV safety education to all interested parties

This is Where YOU Come In

We are now seeking other community partners and committed individuals who are interested in being advocates for ATV safety.

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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
Helen Keller

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Training the Trainer

On January 17 & 18, 46 volunteers and 8 Indiana Conservation Officers gathered in Boonville, Indiana to work together to build a foundation for ATV safety training in our community.

Led by Mike Klumpp, 4-H ATV Safety Coordinator from Oklahoma, the group spent 2 days learning some tips, tricks and methodology for sharing the dangers of improper ATV safety practices with youth in our area.

This information can now be shared with youth groups, school organizations, etc. throughout our region.

For more information or to schedule someone to provide a course near you, please contact Lynn Herr at 812-435-5761 or lherr@vanderburghcounty.in.gov.



HOUSE BILL No. 1200

DIGEST OF HB 1200 (Updated February 1, 2017 12:08 pm - DI 84)

Citations Affected: IC 9-18.1.

Synopsis: Off-road vehicle safety. Requires off-road vehicle operators and riders less than 18 years of age to wear helmets.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

**Arnold L, Bacon, McNamara,
Lawson L**

January 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
February 2, 2017, reported — Do Pass.



On the Hill

HB1200

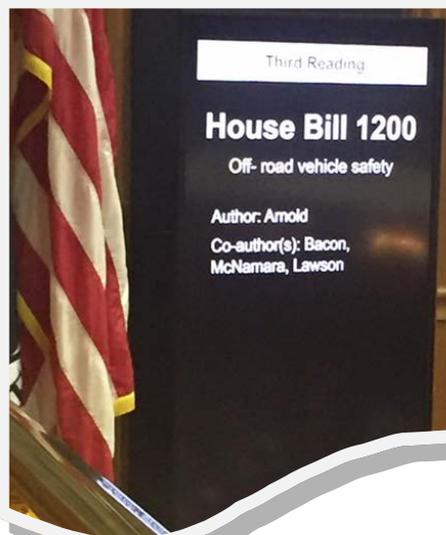
House Bill 1200, which requires those under 18 years of age to wear a helmet while riding an ATV, passed through the House on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Authored by Southwestern Indiana Rep. Lloyd Arnold, the focus of the bill is on safety.

Over the past 5 years, 1,285 ATV-related injuries have occurred in Indiana. According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, there were 21 ATV-related deaths in 2016.

The next step is to present the Bill to the Senate, with the ultimate objective for the bill to be signed by the Governor.

The Indiana Coalition for ATV Safety strongly supports this legislation and we pledge to work towards its passing into law.





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#togetherwewin

By the Numbers

- According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 92% of all ATV-related fatalities are the results of warned-against behaviors, such as youth riding on adult-sized ATVs.
- Over 1/2 of all individuals injured on ATV crashes do not wear *any* type of protective equipment.
- Less than 5% of those injured reported having any type of ATV training
- In 2016 alone, 21 children in Indiana died as a result of an ATV crash.
- National data shows that 35% of ATV-related deaths involve youth less than 16 years of age.



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Coalition Planning Meeting

Tuesday,
March 21
4:00 p.m.

Deaconess Hospital
Health Sciences Building
Johnson Hall
600 Edgar Street
Evansville, IN 47710

Join us!