

Recreational Safety This Summer

On the Water and the Trails:



Take a safety course, get your vessel and/or vehicle checked out by a professional.



Have a safety plan before you take off. Ensure passengers know and understand the importance of safety and what to do in an event of an emergency.



Always wear appropriate gear, life jackets; helmets; goggles; proper clothing.



Plan to limit your trip to a reasonable time to avoid fatigue.

ATV

Attach the engine cut off switch. Ride an ATV that's right for your age. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV.

BOATING

Having NO alcohol while onboard is the safest way to enjoy the water —intoxicated passengers are also at risk of injury and falls overboard.

If your plans include alcohol, consider doing so on shore AFTER you are finished boating for the day or off the trails. Have a nondrinking driver to get you to your next destination on land.





Many recreational vehicle users forget that they are vehicles.

If you or someone you know has been impacted by a substance impaired ATV or boating crash MADD is here to help.

Call our 24-hour Victim Helpline
877.MADD.HELP | 877.632.3435

Dangers of Operating While Intoxicated



-  The use of alcohol is involved in about a third of all recreational boating incidents.
-  Environment stressors on the water or on the trail can greatly reduce an operator's response time
-  A recreational boat operator with a blood alcohol content (BAC) at or above 0.10% has a fatality rate 10x that of a sober operator.
-  The penalties for BUI (Boating Under the Influence) can include large fines, revocation of operator privileges and serious jail terms.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2021 report, between 2016 and 2020, over 101,000 ATV and other OHV injuries occurred that required emergency department treatment. Between 2026 and 2018, 1,566 ATV related deaths took place.

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