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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) accident with injuries – Safety Alert 05-15

1. A Soldier broke his collar bone and four ribs when he flipped his ATV while riding up a steep incline. The Soldier was not wearing an approved helmet or other protective clothing, and had not taken an approved ATV rider safety course.

2. **What were the mistakes**?

a. Operating an ATV without wearing an approved helmet.

b. Operating an ATV without completing the required rider safety course.

c. Overestimating riding skills.

3. **Lessons Learned**.

a. Riding an ATV requires skills. Practice safe techniques.

b. When operating an ATV, all Soldiers are required to wear the following: an approved helmet; impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet; leather boots or over the ankle shoes; long-sleeved shirt and pants; full-fingered gloves; and a brightly colored upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during darkness.

4. All Soldiers who operate an ATV are required to attend the All Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) certified ATV rider safety course. Leaders must ensure that Soldiers understand and comply with all requirements for ATVs. Leaders must stress that these requirements pertain to Soldiers operating or riding ATVs on or off post.

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