

Dufferin OPP issue safety warning after serious collision in Amaranth

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision involving an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) carrying four passengers on private property.

On August 6, shortly after 4:45 p.m., the Dufferin OPP along with emergency services responded to a single ATV collision at a rural property on the Mono-Amaranth Townline in the Township of Amaranth. Two occupants of the four-seater side-by-side were ejected from the vehicle and suffered serious injuries while the other two occupants received minor injuries. None of the riders were wearing seatbelts or helmets.

Dufferin OPP would like to remind ATV operators that even though many see these vehicles as "toys," responsible use and proper safety equipment should always be used to prevent a fun time turning into a tragic event.

ATV operators are reminded to:

- ? Always wear a comfortable, well-fitted and fastened approved helmet
- ? Never drink and ride
- ? Take a safety course and get to know your equipment
- ? Stay in control and ride within your skill level
- ? Know your responsibilities wherever you ride
- ? Let someone know your trip or activity plans
- ? Wear seatbelts when applicable