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## **CPOG POSITION STATEMENT ON INJURY PREVENTION**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, your most important contribution is to adhere to social distancing measures. However, the Canadian Paediatric Orthopaedic Group acknowledges the challenge that comes with the closure of schools, childcare and organized sport and activities.

While trampolines, ATVs, motorbikes and snowmobiles may provide entertainment and activity, they carry a high risk of severe injuries. We encourage caregivers to consider the consequences of these injuries during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An injury at this time means increased risk of COVID-19 exposure to your child, your family, your health care team and the community. The treatment of your child's injury may differ from the standard treatment, due to resource constraints with hospital or ICU beds, operating rooms or Personal Protective Equipment. You may not be able to stay with your child in the hospital due to visitor restrictions. These visits also place significant burden on an already strained health care system.

For all of these reasons, we are asking for your help in keeping your children safe. Please think about the impact of potential injuries when choosing activities for your child during this challenging time.

For any questions or comments, please contact the CPOG Executive at [cpog@canorth.org](mailto:cpog@canorth.org).

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