



# SAFETY ALERT



Puncture in the goggle

Visor completely destroyed

Crack in the face piece

## OFF THE JOB

One of our employees has a son who was out quading on the weekend. While climbing a hill, his quad started to roll back, eventually flipping onto him and striking him in the face with the handlebars. He was wearing a helmet and goggles but both were broken by the event, as indicated in the pictures.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> picture shown above was taken 24 hours after the incident. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day the swelling and bruising was extensive. The initial trip to the hospital resulted in only a butterfly bandage to the eyebrow but once his parents took charge of his recovery, the true extent of the damage was discovered. He had a puncture in his eyebrow, several fractures in the sinus, and the orbital floor was broken. After x-rays, CT scans, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons, surgery was required a week later. A titanium plate was put in under the eye to replace the orbital floor bone. The eye had been sinking into his head and falling down toward the sinus cavity so it had to be placed back into the correct position. The surgery was successful and he was released from the hospital 2 days later, however, to date the eye has not yet been able to follow the other eye and he has double vision.

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