

# Snowmobile Safety

Every year, people are injured and killed while snowmobiling in Alberta. The major contributing factors in serious snowmobile incidents include excessive speed, not checking the thickness of ice on rivers and lakes, inexperience, and inattention.

## Be Safe

### Wear a Helmet

You only have one head on your shoulders, protect it! Wear a proper-fitting, safety-approved helmet. Helmets are mandatory in Alberta.

### Wear Proper Clothing

It is important to wear warm and dry clothing. This includes gloves and boots with grips. Dress in layers, and do not wear loose clothing or scarves, which can get caught in the snowmobile or on a branch as you go by.

### Be Prepared

Snowmobiles require registration and insurance if driven on public land. Take a cellphone or working two-way radio with you, first-aid kit and carry an avalanche beacon, probe and shovel. Let people know where you're going and when you're expected to be back.

### Service Your Snowmobile

Be familiar with your snowmobile and keep it in good operating condition by performing regular maintenance to minimize breakdowns which can leave you stranded.



## Drive Smart

### Be Aware of Surroundings

Be aware of hazards around you, including ice thickness, and ride during daylight hours. Follow posted signs, stay on approved snowmobile trails, check for avalanche warnings, and be aware of the weather and trail conditions.

### Drive Appropriately

Don't be a passenger or carry a passenger on a single person snowmobile. Operate at safe and reasonable speeds, driving within your capability. By law, snowmobile drivers must be at least 14 years of age to operate a snowmobile independently.

### Get Proper Training

Learn or refresh your ability to control and operate a snowmobile by taking a 'Snowmobile Operator' course.

### Drive Sober

Drive responsibly and pay attention so you're in control. Never use alcohol or drugs before or while riding a snowmobile.

