



# Recreational Safety This Winter

## On the Trails:



**Don't drive impaired.** Alcohol and drugs have a negative effect on the driver's vision, balance, coordination, and reaction time. Don't ride with people who drink and ride!



**Stay on the trail unless otherwise designated:** Know the laws and regulations governing snowmobiling where you ride and where you travel to ride.



**Dress for safety and survival:** Always wear a quality DOT helmet and facemask. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm and dry. Snowmobile suits, bibs, jackets, gloves and mittens should cut the wind, repel water and keep you ventilated.



**Watch the weather and check trail and ice conditions before riding:** Don't ride in adverse weather conditions. Plan your trip and check the trails you'll be riding prior to departure.



**Never ride alone:** Always ride with a friend on another snowmobile. This way if one machine is disabled, you have another to get help.



**Stay to the right:** Almost every trail is a two-way trail. So, stay to the far right of the trail, especially on hills and corners. Obey all trail signs and cross roadways with extreme caution.



**Take a snowmobile safety training course:** Classes on basic snowmobile operation, laws and regulations, and safety can help save lives and reduce injuries.

**Many recreational vehicle users forget that they are vehicles.**

If you or someone you know has been impacted by a substance impaired snowmobile crash MADD is here to help.

Call our 24-hour Victim Helpline  
877.MADD.HELP | 877.632.3435

## Dangers of Operating While Intoxicated



Environment stressors on the trails can greatly reduce an operator's response time.



The highest proportion of alcohol-related snowmobile crashes occur at night among 19-34 year old males.



The penalties for operating a snowmobile while impaired can include large fines, revocation of operator privileges and serious jail terms.



According to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, if your plans include alcohol, consider doing so AFTER you are finished snowmobiling for the day or off the trails. Have a non-drinking driver to get you to your next destination.

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