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Snowmobile Safety Tips

Snowmobiling is a thrilling way to enjoy the great outdoors in the wintertime. But before you turn on the engine, it's important to know how to safely operate a snowmobile and minimize the risk of getting involved in an accident. Keep reading for snowmobile safety tips.

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- Wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing suitable for the environment that you are riding in.
- Do not allow young or inexperienced riders to operate snowmobiles without supervision.
- Do not consume alcohol or use drugs before or during your ride.
- Learn the proper riding skills and practice them while the motor is turned off.
- Stay on trails designated for snowmobile use.
- Always maintain a safe distance between other riders, and never ride alone.
- Always obey the law.
- Dress and equip yourself appropriately before riding. Check your local forecast to prevent coldrelated illnesses.
- Familiarize yourself with the area that you are riding in, and become aware of potential hazards.
- Always ride at a safe and responsible speed.
- Clear snow dust off your tail lights frequently.
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The Importance of Snowmobile Safety Courses

Young, inexperienced riders are much more likely to be involved in serious snowmobiling accidents than their seasoned counterparts.

With this in mind, you should contact your state's Department of Natural Resources for more information on available safety courses for any young riders in your family. In most states, these courses are mandatory for extremely young riders (ages 10-15) if they intend to ride off their parents' property.

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