



Snowmobile Safety

Legal Requirements for Snowmobiling

Laws governing the operation of a snowmobile differ for private and public property in Alberta.

In a Public Place

- ◆ The rider must have a properly registered and insured machine.
- ◆ The driver must be 14 years of age to operate a machine independently.
- ◆ A person younger than 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, or supervised closely while receiving instruction.
- ◆ An operator of a snowmobile must produce insurance and registration when requested to so by an enforcement or peace officer.
- ◆ A sledder should check municipal bylaws with local authorities before heading out.

Insurance is Required on Public Property

- ◆ To be properly insured, you must have a minimum coverage of \$200,000 public liability and property damage.
- ◆ A \$1,000,000 public liability and property damage insurance is commonly carried.
- ◆ You could be held personally responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars should you find yourself in a legal injury lawsuit. Protect yourself, your assets and your family.

Registration Rules

- ◆ Registration papers may be obtained from any licensing and registry agent.
- ◆ The minimum age required to register a snowmobile is 18 years.
- ◆ A license plate must be securely attached in a visible location on the front or rear of the snowmobile.

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On Private Land Ensure You ask Permission before Entering

- ◆ You do not need a driver's license, registration or insurance if you are riding on land, you own, or have acquired the right to access.
- ◆ There is no age requirement when riding on private land that you own or have established the right to access.

NOTE: On organized trails, insurance and registration are required.

Enforcing snowmobile safety starts with you. Know the rules before you make tracks.

If you have any suggestion on traffic safety issues that are of interest to you and your community, or for more information, please contact:

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