



SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION

Recreational Vehicle Safety



Snowmobile safety

For protection of snowmobile drivers:

- Always wear protective clothing, including helmet, goggles and boots.
- Stay on trails away from roads, waterways, railroads and pedestrian traffic.
- Obey signs.
- Keep speed under control.
- Travel in groups of two or more.
- Always use headlight and taillight.
- Do not go faster than 10 mph within 100 feet of a person or a fishing shanty.
- Be careful when there are “thin ice” warnings.
- Get proper instruction of safe operation of a snowmobile through a DNR safety course. (Required if your birthday is 01/01/85 or later.)
- No person under the age of 12 may operate a snowmobile unless accompanied by a parent or by a person 18 years of age.

ATV safety

Adequate physical size and strength, emotional maturity, ability to assess a situation and take appropriate action and good motor skills are all important factors for youth operating motorized vehicles.

- Fit the machine to your physical and mental strength.
- Protect yourself with safety gear—motorcycle or ATV helmet, goggles and protective clothing. Helmets are required for anyone under 18 years old.
- Never carry passengers. Do not ride double.
- Stay on trails; keep off the road.
- Keep speed under control.
- Take an ATV safety course.
- Always use headlights and taillights and ensure they are working properly.

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