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Topics of the Month: **Snowmobiling**

## Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is a \$1 billion industry in Minnesota and many people die or are injured each year as the result of snowmobile crashes. Operator error is the key cause of these crashes.

Contributing factors to these crashes include, but are not limited to excessive speed, overdriving headlights at night, unfamiliarity with snowmobile operation, not familiar with terrain, and alcohol/drug consumption.

Learn how to use your snowmobile safely. If you need more safety information, contact your local DNR or law enforcement for a class schedule or brochures.

- ☛ Make sure that your snowmobile is in proper working order.
- ☛ Obey the speed limits on snowmobile trails—in Minnesota it is 50 miles per hour if it is not posted.
- ☛ Do not drink and drive while snowmobiling
- ☛ **MAKE SURE TO ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET!**