

Snowmobiling/Ice Safety

“Stay off ice, or prepare to go through”

TIPS FOR A SAFE RIDE

- Never consume alcohol when operating a snowmobile.
- Avoid ice covered bodies of water.
- Wear a helmet and a buoyant flotation suit.
- Never travel on unfamiliar grounds at night.
- Know your snowmobile and its limits.
- Always plan and prepare for the Journey.
- Always travel with a buddy.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Bring proper survival equipment/ first aid kit.
- Watch for weather changes.

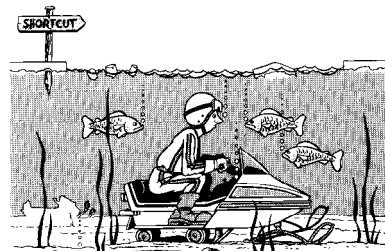


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• A Snowmobile Flotation suit is designed to keep a person afloat and helps protect against the effects of Hypothermia. The snowmobile flotation suit has equal flotation all around and is designed to keep a persons head out of the water.



BE WATER SMART.
SNOWMOBILES ARE DEAD WEIGHT ON ICE.

• Regular snowmobile suits are fine if you do not travel on ice covered bodies of water. However if you go through ice, regular suits can become water logged and add up to 70 pounds of extra weight.

• Statistics show that out of all of the snowmobile related drownings in Newfoundland and Labrador the majority of victims were not wearing snowmobile flotation suits.

If you fall through the ice;

- **DO NOT PANIC!**
- **Chip away thin ice which surrounds you.**
- **Reach as far as possible onto the ice.**
- **Kick your feet vigorously until reaching a horizontal position.**
- **Use your arms slide onto the ice.**
- **DO NOT STAND! ROLL OR CRAWL TO SAFETY.**

The majority of ice related snowmobiling deaths occurred when snowmobiles were driven into open holes in the ice or broke thin soft ice.

Minimum Ice Thickness for New Clear Hard Ice:

3” (7 cm) or less STAY OFF!
4” (10 cm) Ice fishing, walking or cross country skiing.
5” (12 cm) One snowmobile or ATV.
8-12” (20-30 cm) One car or small pickup.
12-15” (30-38 cm) One medium truck or van.

Alcohol consumption was involved in two thirds (69%) of Newfoundland and Labrador ice-related snowmobile deaths.

Remember: Operating a snowmobile while impaired is an offence under the Canadian Criminal Code and carries the same penalty as driving a car while impaired.

BE WATER SMART.
AND MAKE EVERY TRIP A ROUND TRIP.