

Safe Riding Positions

Riding positions can vary with the type of terrain you are riding. Familiarize yourself with each position so you can safely navigate the trails.

- **Sitting:** This is the safest position. Position yourself on the snowmobile with your feet flat on the running boards to cushion the bump effects and to keep your body weight low, making it easier to shift from side to side.
- **Standing:** This position should only be used when you have trouble seeing in the sitting position. Keep your knees bent to absorb bumps and keep your speed slow.
- **Kneeling:** This is a good alternative position to rest the body while riding. It can help with visibility. Put your knees up under you on your seat.
- **Semi-Kneeling:** One knee is up under you on the seat and the other foot is on the running board. This can be useful when riding in deep powder snow or while riding at slower speeds, a great way to have better control of the snowmobile.
- **Posting:** This semi-sitting position is best for uneven terrain. Keep feet flat on the running boards and bend your knees. Slightly lift your butt in the air. This will help with better reaction time and visibility.



Did You Know?

- **1,200:** The average number of miles a North American snowmobiler rides per year.
- **3,000:** The number of snowmobile clubs worldwide that dedicate their time and resources to trail maintenance and charity fundraising.
- **100,000:** The number of full-time jobs generated by the snowmobile industry in North America.
- **225,000:** The number of miles of snowmobile trails in North America.
- **1.4 Million:** The number of registered snowmobiles in the U.S.
- **\$26 Billion:** The amount of money the snowmobiling industry generates per year.

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Know the Rules of Snowmobiling

Registration: All snowmobiles must be registered with the Department of Natural Resources. If you own land, you are eligible for "Private Registration," but that only permits you to ride on your property. Up-to-date registration decals must be visible on both sides of the cowling.

Age Restrictions: The minimum age for snowmobiling varies by state. Most states require younger riders to wear a helmet and complete a safety course.

Speed Limits: Snowmobiling speed limits vary by state. Most states have lower speed limits during dark hours.

Safety Precautions

Keep Your Machine in Tip-Top Shape: Make sure your snowmobile is properly maintained.

Dress for the Occasion: Wear multiple layers of clothing to keep warm. Be sure to include windproof and waterproof clothing, insulated boots, gloves and eye protection.

Know the Area: Review trail maps before riding in unfamiliar places.

Turn Lights On: Double-check that your headlights and taillights are on at all times for maximum visibility.

Be Alert: Watch for fences, low-strung wires or any other obstacles. Come to a complete stop and look both ways for traffic when crossing intersections.

Slow Down: Keep a manageable speed, as the faster you ride the more likely you are to lose control of your vehicle. Slow down so you have plenty of time to react to the unexpected.



Safe Ways to Ride

Riding Alone: It is recommended to never ride alone. If you do, always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back and pack a first aid kit.

Riding with a Passenger: Remember to ride safely and obey the speed limit. Inform your rider how to ride on the back by keeping their feet flat on the running boards, firmly holding the handgrips and leaning into all turns.

Riding in a Group: Always ride single file. Follow the snowmobile in front of you at a safe distance.

Riding at Night: Make sure your headlights, taillights and brake lights are functional and drive at safe speeds.



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Riding in Snow Conditions

Dirt: Dirt can be difficult on a snowmobile. Be cautious while riding your machine in this mixture as jams may occur.

Powder: Powdery snow can linger in the air after snowmobiles pass. Keep your speed at a slow pace.

Wet Snow: Wet snow can be difficult to ride in as it accumulates on running boards. If possible, stop in a safe area to clean your machine.

Ice: Ice can form on trails and roads when the temperature drops below 32 degrees. If possible, do not ride during dangerous icy conditions.

