

SNOWMOBILING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Your Snowmobile is designed to operate over ground, on a cushion of snow.

The effect on the earth surface of a properly operated snowmobile is insignificant as the "FOOTPRINT" of the average snowmobile exerts less than 1 lb. of pressure per sq. ft.

What we must remember is the overall impact of Snowmobiling on the Environment we ride in, Which is simply what we choose to leave behind.

Remember,
"PACK IT IN-
PACK IT OUT"!

Some other simple basics to remember are:

Don't damage trees,
don't dig to bare ground
and
don't spill fuel or other
Contaminates.

Observing basic
"COMMON SENSE" principals
will insure that when Spring
arrives, no one will ever
know you were there!!!



ABCSC "SAFETY SAM"

Safety Sam wants all of us to enjoy all of our backcountry experiences, and most importantly, he wants everyone to come home in one piece.

Please respect yourselves, others and our backcountry environment.

Remember, we live in BC,
"THE BEST PLACE
ON EARTH"



SNOWMOBILE SAFE OPERATIONS GUIDELINES

The Association
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Snowmobile Clubs

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SAFE & RESPONSIBLE SNOWMOBILE OPERATION

The operation of a snowmobile is an exciting form of winter recreation, and it is also a responsibility not to be taken lightly.

There are a number of important things that must be considered while operating your snowmobile such as, required safety equipment one should carry with them, the appropriate clothing to be worn, knowledge of the area you will be riding in including, environmental and/or wildlife concerns.

The following are some basic principals to follow while snowmobiling.

You should:

- Understand the basic mechanics of your snowmobile.
- Respect the capabilities and limitations of your snowmobile
- Know how to maneuver through a variety of operating conditions.
- Know the laws governing the operation of your snowmobile.
- Always exercise good judgment and respect others and the environment.

Dress for the Weather

- As with any outdoor winter recreation, you'll need clothing that will keep you warm and dry. Bear in mind that the "wind chill factor" can lower your temperature considerably. For example, as the chart below indicates, the ambient temperature may be 30 degrees; but if you are riding at 30 miles an hour, the wind chill temperature drops to -2 degrees. Dress in layers, and wear gloves and a warm head covering under your helmet. Gloves with gauntlets will keep cold air from blowing up your sleeves.

Emergency Items [Carry the following items at a minimum]

- First aid kit
- Spark plugs
- Spare Drive belt
- Tow rope
- Flashlight
- Knife
- Duct tape

*** When riding in mountainous terrain always wear an avalanche beacon and carry a shovel and probe. It is not recommended that the probe and shovel be carried in your snowmobile, but preferably in a backpack, in the event your snowmobile becomes buried.

