

GUIDELINES FOR SNOWMOBILE USE IN SHERBURNE COUNTY

SEE MN DNR SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS BOOKLET FOR FURTHER DETAILS

#1 SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION (Expires June 30 of displayed year)

Definition of a snowmobile	Snowmobile means a self-propelled vehicle originally manufactured and designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners.
Trail Use Registration	Snowmobiles operated in MN must be registered with the DNR. Regular trail use registration allows access to grant-in-aid trails. A majority of the registration fee is used for trail maintenance, grooming, and easement acquisition.
Collector Use Registration	Collector registration may be issued to snowmobiles that are 25 years old or older. Registration is valid until ownership is transferred. A snowmobile state trail sticker is required to operate on grant-in-aid trails.
Trail Use Sticker	Collector and out of state registrations must be accompanied by a state trail sticker to operate on grant-in-aid trails.
Sale/Transfer	Sales and transfers must be reported within 15 days. Local DMV can assist with sales and transfers.
Display	Registration must be of a contrasting color, displayed on the upper half of the cowling, or in space provided by the manufacturer.

All snowmobiles must be registered, even when used on private property.

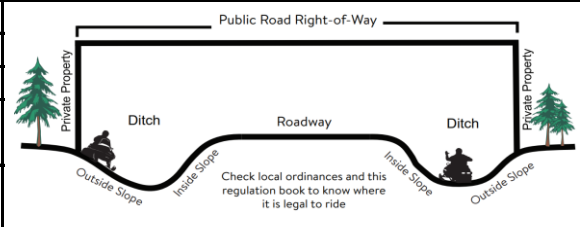
#2 WHERE CAN I DRIVE?

DO NOT TRESPASS - Stay within the road and trail right-of-way (ROW).

Agricultural lands don't need to be posted. Operating on agricultural lands without permissions is illegal.

City Limits	Township Roads	County Roads	State Highways	US Highways
See Local Ordinance	May operate within the road right-of-way.	May operate on the bottom and outside slope of the ditch.	May operate on the bottom and outside slope of the ditch.	May operate on the bottom and outside slope of the ditch. Operation in the median is illegal.

- Motor vehicles have the right-of-way.
- Grant-in-Aid Trails open December 1 - April 1
- Divided highway crossings must be made at an intersection.
- Road crossings must be made at approximately 90 degrees to the direction of vehicle traffic after coming to a complete stop.
- One-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, snowmobiles must travel in the same direction as vehicle traffic unless posted otherwise.



#3 HOW OLD DO I NEED TO BE?

Under 12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Without a snowmobile safety certificate, may drive a snowmobile on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails if accompanied by an adult*. 2) May <u>not</u> drive a snowmobile across state or county roads. 3) May <u>not</u> drive snowmobiles on streets or highways in a municipality.
Age 12 & 13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) May drive a snowmobile on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails IF accompanied by an adult* OR in possession of a valid snowmobile safety certificate. 2) May <u>not</u> drive a snowmobile across state or county roads. 3) May <u>not</u> drive snowmobiles on streets or highways in a city.
Age 14 - 18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) May drive a snowmobile on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails WITH a snowmobile safety certificate. 2) May drive a snowmobile across state or county roads WITH a snowmobile safety certificate or driver's license or ID card with valid snowmobile safety certificate indicator. 3) May drive a snowmobile on streets or highways in a city with a snowmobile safety certificate, if not prohibited by local ordinance.
Over 18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Residents born after December 31, 1976, who operate a snowmobile in Minnesota must possess a valid snowmobile safety certificate or a driver's license or ID card with a valid snowmobile safety certificate indicator.

* Accompanied by an adult means a parent, legal guardian, or other person 18 years of age or older designated by the parent or guardian who needs to be close enough to be able to direct the youth's operation of their snowmobile.

OTHER LAWS

- Anyone born after Dec 31, 1976 must have a Snowmobile Safety Certificate to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a DOT approved helmet unless operating on family owned land.
- Speed limit is 50 MPH on public lands and waters. If in a road ditch, it is the POSTED ROAD speed limit or 50 MPH, whichever is LOWER.
- Lighted headlight and taillight during hours of darkness. Colored headlight lenses are not legal, day or night, in a road right-of-way.
- Timbersleds and ATV's/UTV's with tracks are not considered snowmobiles.
- Follow the most restrictive law or ordinance when operating in municipal areas.
- Accidents involving injury requiring medical attention, death, or damage more than \$100 must be reported within 48 hours.