

2017 - 2018 Snowmobile Accidents

2017 2018 Season	Number Involved	Injury	County	Date	Day	Time	Operator's Sex	Operator's Age	Terrain	Weather	Alcohol or Drugs	Cause/Description
Property Damage	1	None	Lake	12/11/17	Mon	4:10 PM	M	49	Public Road	Clear	No	Operator lost control of snowmobile while turning and slid into two different mailboxes, knocking them down.
Serious	1	Fractured hand, broken rib and abrasions to face	Lee	12/29/17	Fri	11:00 PM	M	40	Public Road - Right of Way	Snowing	No	Operator did not see drop off at a culvert / ditch area and drove off the end. Crashing front first, causing the operator to go over the handlebars and hit the ground. Unfamiliar with area and careless operation.
Serious	1	Broken lower leg	Kendall	12/30/17	Sat	2:40 PM	F	15	Private Yard	Clear	No	First time operating a snowmobile, operator struck a rock, then a tree. Operator had not completed a safety course. Inexperience and careless operation resulted in accident.
Fatal	1		Rock Island	01/01/18	Mon	3-8 PM	M	32	Right of Way - Ditch	Clear	Yes	While operating under the influence of alcohol and drugs, operator went airborne and landed under the snowmobile in a shallow drainage ditch.
Minor	2	Treated and released	McHenry	01/18/18	Thur	9:00 PM	M	21 / 27	River	Clear	No	Unit 1 was skipping open water . Once he made it across , he observed a snowmobile coming around the curve directly in front of him. Both units were unable to avoid the collision and hit head on. Both operators were ejected and one snowmobile caught fire. Careless operation.
Serious	1 passenger	Possible paralysis, lower vertebrae	McHenry	01/20/18	Sat	12:44 AM	F	34	River / Sandbank	Clear	Yes	Passenger fell off of snowmobile when it exited the frozen ice to the shore bank at a high rate of speed. Traveling too fast for conditions.
Serious	1	Broken shoulder, fractured leg, internal injuries and back injury	Livingston	2/8/2018	Thur	12:10 AM	M	21	Farm Field waterway	Clear	No	While riding across a farm field, the operator struck a waterway in the field which caused his snowmobile to go airborne. Upon impact with the ground he was thrown from his snowmobile. Traveling too fast for conditions.
Minor	1	Broken shoulder, fractured vertebrae, and broken ankle	Livingston	2/8/2018	Thur	12:10 AM	M	20	Farm Field waterway	Clear	No	While riding across a farm field, the operator struck a waterway in the field which caused his snowmobile to go airborne. Upon impact with the ground he was thrown from his snowmobile. Traveling too fast for conditions.

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Minor	2	Injuries to chest, wrist, back, neck and chipped teeth	Ogle	2/9/2018	Fri	9:30 PM	M	35	Public Road	Clear	No	While driving on the road surface, snowmobile was drawn down in a ditch due to heavy snow. To avoid getting stuck, operator rapidly accelerated causing the snow to blind his view. He struck the culvert, throwing him and the passenger off. Collision with fixed object.
Fatal	1		Will	2/9/2018	Fri	12:50 PM	M	38	Public Road	Snowing	No	Operator was traveling at a high rate of speed and missed access point to trail. He was off trail on a public road and crossed the middle line colliding into an oncoming truck.
Property Damage	1	No injury	Winnebago	2/9/2018	Fri	7:30 PM	M	33	Public Trail Private Land	Clear	No	Operator was avoiding a scene of two police vehicles, not realizing they were blocking a flooded trail. He submerged his snowmobile in the flooded field. Careless operation and unfamiliar with area
Minor	1	Hip and leg pain	Lake	2/10/2018	Sat	6:10 PM	M	59	Lake	Clear	No	Operator was cutting across a frozen lake, traveling faster than his reaction time for the field of view the headlight provided. He came upon a duck blind and had enough time to jump off his snowmobile before impact. Traveling too fast for conditions.
Minor	1	No treatment	McHenry	2/11/2018	Sun	3:00 PM	M	46	Public Trail Public Land	Clear	No	Operator hit a dip at the entrance of a bridge, causing him to veer off trail and impact with the bridge railing. Collision with fixed object.
Serious	1	Broken back and shattered ankle	Whiteside	2/11/2018	Sun	1:15 PM	F	19	Public road	Clear	No	Operator failed to yield to traffic when entering on public road. She collided with an oncoming vehicle.
Serious	2	Broken clavicle and dislocated shoulder	Livingston	3/26/2018	Sun	1:42 PM	M/F	39/50	Private Field	Clear	No	Unit 1 and Unit 2 were leading a group of six snowmobiles. Unit 1 went into a waterway in the field and impacted with the opposite bank. Unit 2 was following behind and impacted Unit 1 in the rear of the snowmobile. Collision with another snowmobile.