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**Snowmobile Safety Week -- Ride Safe So You Can Ride Again**

Snowmobilers across the country have kicked off International Snowmobile Safety Week. Safe and responsible riding is actively supported by snowmobile clubs and state snowmobile associations. Snowmobile safety classes are held in many communities and are also available online. The American Council of Snowmobile Associations has the Safe Rider Safety Awareness program available online at: <http://www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org/>

Individual behavior and responsibility is the key to making snowmobiling safe. With several weeks left in the season, it is a good time to remind snowmobilers to take charge of their own safety while riding. Snowmobiling is a fun, family-oriented recreation enjoyed daily by thousands of people in the snowbelt region.

Snowmobilers need to be prepared while planning their trip. Never ride alone – and always leave a plan with family or friends before you leave. It is important to be sure the snowmobiles are in top running condition before you head out.

***No Before You Go!*** No ice travel is ever completely safe. Be sure to check the ice conditions before you go.

***Slow Down at Night!*** Night riding requires extra precautions. It is important to ride at slower speeds and use caution to not override the snowmobile's headlights.

***Snowmobiling and Alcohol Don't Mix!*** Have fun on your run – but don't drink until you're done riding for the day.

***Stay to the Right!*** When riding on trails, always anticipate oncoming traffic and stay to the right.

***Be Aware of Avalanche Conditions!*** One at a time on the slopes! Knowledge is Powder is a short avalanche safety video that can be found here: <http://vimeo.com/113677686>

**Ride Safe So You Can Ride Again!**

International Snowmobile Safety Week runs from January 17 – 25, 2015. Snowmobilers should always be aware of the key safety guidelines throughout the season.

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The American Council of Snowmobile Associations and all state snowmobile associations and clubs are committed to promoting safe and responsible riding. ACSA is your voice for snowmobiling on national issues. [www.snowmobilers.org](http://www.snowmobilers.org)  
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