



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY



2008/2009

Last time updated for the 08/09 season – 06/8/2009 – 13:40 hours. – **23 accidents with 25 fatalities**

NO	DATE	TIME	COUNTY/ LOCATION	AREA – MOST HARMFUL EVENT	AGE/SEX	ALCOHOL	RESIDENCY
1	12/13/2008	01:46	OTSEGO	TRAIL 4 / 7 – CYPRESS ST	31 / M	YES	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile SB on Trail struck a utility pole, killing driver. Second person lost a leg and is in critical condition. Speed and alcohol were factors.							
2	12/19/2008	21:00	HILLSDALE	N. LAKE PLEASANT RD	27/M	NO	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile southbound collided head on with northbound motor vehicle.							
3	12/20/2009	22:06	OAKLAND	DUCK LAKE RD	39 / M	YES	Michigan
Northbound snowmobile operator traveling in southbound lane collided with southbound snowmobile, resulting in death for southbound snowmobile operator.							
4	12/28/2008	17:27	EMMET	TRAIL # 7 NEAR GILL RD	48 / M	UNK	Michigan
Snowmobile operator who was southbound on trail hit a tree that had been downed by high winds and was across trail.							
5	12/31/2008	20:08	GOGEBIC	TRAIL #2 E. OF MARENISCO	45 / M	UNK	Wisconsin
Snowmobile operator went off trail and hit a tree. Speed appears to have been a factor.							
6	1/3/2009	0030	GLADWIN	ESTEY RD NEAR S. OAK ST.	42 / F	YES	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile was towing a sled, which struck a power pole guide wire, causing the Operator to be thrown from the snowmobile.							
7	1/20/2009	1500	IOSCO	GRASS LAKE	45 / M	NO	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile collided with another snowmobile and Operator was ejected from snowmobile and came to rest 50 feet away from crash site.							
8	1/24/2009	00:50	WEXFORD	INTERSECTION OF S 13 RD AND W 28 ½ RD NEAR HARIETTA	18 / M	YES	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile failed to yield at the intersection, was thrown from the sled, and hit a tree.							

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9	1/11/2009	01:00	KALKASKA	TRAIL 76/BLUE BEAR TRAIL	36 / M	YES	Michigan
Snowmobile operator was northbound on trail when he left the trail and struck a tree.							
10	1/30/2009	08:40	ALGER	HOVEY LAKE RD	42 / M 45 / M	NO NO	Wisconsin Kansas
Operator of snowmobile struck an embankment causing 5 other snowmobiles to lose control and striking the embankment. Speed and poor visibility a factor.							
11	1/26/2009	16:35	NEWAYGO	TRAIL #3 SECTION 12	25 / M	YES	Michigan
Snowmobile operator lost control on curve, and struck a tree head on. Speed and alcohol were factors.							
12	2/19/2009	16:30	CHIPPEWA	WEST STATION SOUTH RD	42 / M	NO	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile hit bank, tipped over and was hit by driver that followed.							
13	2/21/2009	20:10	MACOMB	COON CREEK ROAD	15 / M	NO	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile failed to negotiate a curve, fell into ditch and smashed into a tree.							
14	12/20/2008	22:45	ALCONA	HARDY GRADE/M-72	21 / F	YES	Michigan
Operator of went off roadway and hit a tree, was ejected, helmet came off, and driver hit the ground.							
15	1/10/2009	22:40	ALLEGAN	20 th STREET	50 / M	YES	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile operating unlawfully on roadway at high rate of speed, alcohol a factor.							
16	2/6/2009	17:30	MASON	KOENIG RD	40 / M	NO	Michigan
Operator of snowmobile was westbound on road and struck snow bank on north side of road, causing to lose control. Operator was ejected and hit trees.							
17	2/13/2009	19:15	BENZIE	CRYSTAL LAKE	57 / M 54 / M	UNK UNK	Michigan Michigan
Two men riding one snowmobile plunged through the thin ice on the west end of Crystal Lake.							

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18	1/2/2009	16:10	CHEBOYGAN	TRAIL #9	12 / M	NO	Michigan		
Operator of snowmobile was on Trail 9 and left trail, hitting a plowed snow bank. He lost control and ran into a tree.									
19	3/10/2009	22:19	MARQUETTE	TRAIL #5	50 / M	YES	Michigan	UNK	Final
Operator of snowmobile going south and off to the right of trail, struck snow embankment with forceful collision, went airborne and struck a tree. Speed, alcohol and drugs a factor.									
20	3/13/09	14:45	LUCE	CO RD 421	25 / M	NO	Ohio	UNK	Final
Snowmobile northbound on CR421, left the trail on a curve, ejected the driver into a tree, killing him and ejected the passenger (who survived) and rolled over.									
21	2/8/09	9999	HOUGHTON	SWEDETOWN CREEK	40 / M	NO	Michigan	UNK	Final
Operator of snowmobile going south on frozen canal, high rate of speed, hit snowdrift, hitting trees about 6 feet up in the air and landed. Machine continued unmanned to Swede Town Creek. Operator discovered 11 days later.									
22	3/7/09	1053	ALGER	HURRICANE RIVER	45 / M	NO	Wisconsin	UNK	Final
Snowmobile westbound, ran off curve of trail, snowmobile struck a tree, driver ejected and struck same tree.									
23	2/3/09	23:46	MIDLAND	SANFORD LAKE	25 / M	YES	Michigan	UNK	Final
Snowmobile southbound on lake hit a snowdrift/bank on lake. Vehicle went airborne and threw/ejected operator. Snowmobile rolled over multiple times.									