



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY

2022 – 2023



Updated: 01/26/2024 DEATHS: 19

No.	DATE	TIME	COUNTY	LOCATION	AGE/ SEX	Alcohol/Drugs Present	RESIDENCY	SAFETY CERT	PENDING/ FINAL
01	12-19-22	8:30 PM	Alger County	Trail #7 / Buckhorn Road	50 / F	Alcohol .144%	Michigan	None	Final
Operator failed to negotiate a curve in the trail and exited into a wooded area, striking several trees, and was ejected from the snowmobile.									
02	12-20-22	10:34 AM	Cheboygan County	Trail #7 / Depot St	60 / M	Marijuana	Michigan	None	Final
Operator aggressively accelerated after crossing roadway and lost control. Snowmobile left the trail striking a wooden post. Victim passed away 12 days later due to injuries sustained in the crash.									
03	12-22-22	11:23 PM	Calhoun County	B Drive / 11 Mile Road	49 / M	Alcohol & Marijuana	Michigan	None	Final
While entering a field from the roadway, the snowmobile collided with a large rock, causing the operator to lose control and flip the snowmobile. A female passenger was also injured.									
04	12-26-22	2:49 PM	Wexford County	Trail #6 / South 7 Road	55 / M	Alcohol .082%	Indiana	Unknown	Final
Operator left the trail during a straight away and struck a tree.									
05	12-27-22	6:39 PM	Luce County	Charcoal Grade / M123	55 / F	None	Michigan	None	Final
The operator was attempting to cross the highway and was struck by vehicle.									
06	12-31-22	11:53 AM	Houghton County	Trail #8 / Hwy M28	13 / F	None	Missouri	Unknown	Final
The operator pulled to the side of the trail to allow oncoming snowmobiles to pass. Upon doing so, the right ski dropped from the groomed surface and pulled the snowmobile off trail. Operator inadvertently hit the throttle causing further loss of control, crashing into a tree.									



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07	01-26-23	2:46 PM	Schoolcraft County	Trail #413 / Camp 7 Road	46 / F	None	Michigan	None	Final
Operator failed to negotiate curve at a “Y” intersection while traveling on the groomed snowmobile trail. The snowmobile went off trail into the powder and was unable to turn. The snowmobile collided with a tree at a high rate of speed causing the operator to be ejected into the same tree.									
08	01-29-23	1:38 AM	Gogebic County	Trail #2 / Verona Ave	53 / M	Alcohol .424%	Wisconsin	Unknown	Final
Group of 3 snowmobiles operating on groomed snowmobile trail. Operator of second machine ended up off the machine after a curve in the trail. The third operator then struck the second operator’s snowmobile breaking his leg. Upon returning to the scene, the lead snowmobile ran over the operator of the second machine. Alcohol involved with all three operators.									
09	02-01-23	12:00 PM	Montmorency County	Trail #9 / Black Bear Trail	38 / M	Alcohol & Marijuana	Michigan	None	Final
Operator lost control upon hitting rutted area on the groomed snowmobile trail. Operator was ejected from snowmobile and struck several trees off the trail.									
10	02-03-23	10:47 AM	Kalkaska County	Trail #76 / Johnson Lake Road	74 / M	None	Michigan	None	Final
Operator lost control after striking small stump with ski. Operator leaned to correct steering input. Upon doing so, the operator struck a tree with their upper body. This caused him to be ejected from the snowmobile.									
11	02-03-23	11:26 AM	Wexford County	50-1/2 Road / 25 Road	46 / M	Marijuana	Michigan	None	Final
Operator attempted to make a left turn at an intersection and ran off the roadway striking a tree.									
12	02-03-23	8:14 PM	Gogebic County	Trail #2 / Forest Service Road 7300	27 / F	Alcohol .101%	Minnesota	Unknown	Final
The operator lost control on a straight away and left the groomed trail. The snowmobile struck a tree ejecting the operator into another tree 40’ away.									
13	02-08-23	9:00 PM	Luce County	Devils Hollow Lake Trail / County Road 371	49 / M	Alcohol .099%	Indiana	None	Final
Operator failed to negotiate corner with snowmobile. Snowmobile left the groomed trail traveling airborne for 37’ before striking tree.									



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14	02-11-23	8:36 PM	Luce County	CR 401 / M-28	28 / M	Not tested by agency	Michigan	None	Final
Operator accelerated to hit an embankment to jump over the road. The snowmobile jumped the roadway and in doing so, the operator lost control while airborne. The snowmobile crashed on the opposite side of the road, ejecting the operator. The operator lost his helmet upon striking the ground.									
15	02-24-23	5:47 PM	Ottawa County	Private Property	40 / M	Alcohol & Marijuana	Michigan	None	Final
While traveling at a high rate of speed on private property, operator lost control and crashed into a tree.									
16	02-25-23	2:30 PM	Roscommon	Hose Road / Washburn Rd	60 / M	Not tested by agency	Michigan	None	Final
Operator lost control during a right turn, leaving the road on the left side and struck a tree.									
17	03-02-23	11:38 AM	Iron County	Trail 113 /Stager Lake Rd	28 / M	None	Wisconsin	Unknown	Final
Operator struck grooming equipment head on at a high rate of speed.									
18	03-08-23	7:36 PM	Gogebic County	Trail 1 / Marenisco	60 / F	Alcohol .123%	Wisconsin	Unknown	Final
Operator failed to negotiate left turn on the groomed snowmobile trail. Upon leaving the trail, the snowmobile struck several small trees ejecting the operator.									
19	03-09-23	11:28 PM	Alger County	Trail 8 / Old Seney Road	52 / M	Alcohol .254%	Ohio	Unknown	Final
While making a left turn on the trail the operator lost control leaving the trail system. The snowmobile crashed into a tree upon doing so, the operator was ejected from the snowmobile into the tree.									