

Emergency Situations

All snowmobilers are advised to be prepared for an emergency situation at all times. Informing someone of your intended journey and time expected to return is good insurance for your safety. If while riding a snowmobile on a trail, an accident is encountered or if the snowmobile breaks down and cannot be fixed, **YOU** are involved in an emergency situation! If confronted with an emergency situation, three things to remember are to stay calm, dry and warm. Panic and exhaustion can lead to needless chances that can result in injury or death. Plan actions and do not attempt to walk through extremely deep snow as it could take two to three days to cover the area traveled by a snowmobile in 20 or 30 minutes.

Suggested Extra Equipment

Space blanket, candy bars, water proof matches, flashlight, extra spark plugs, first aid kit, snow shoes, extra gloves, socks, extra drive belt, pocket knife, extra starter rope, tool kit, shovel, axe or saw, flares, metal cup or kettle, tarp or plastic sheet.

SURVIVAL

There are several steps which will make a survival situation easier. It is imperative to remember that the best tool of survival is your brain. Be sure to use this tool in a survival situation. The following steps will help save a life. **POSSIBLY YOURS!**

1. Do not panic.
2. Plan a course of action.
3. Stay together.
4. Conserve energy and warmth.
5. Make an adequate shelter.
6. Build a fire.
7. Melt clean snow for water.
8. Signal for help.

In closing: Join a snowmobile club or help start one. Read, understand and follow the information in the Operator's Manual and on all decals found on the snowmobile. Enroll in a certified snowmobile safety course and first aid class. Be a responsible snowmobiler. Enjoy snowmobiling and remember, **SAFETY FIRST!!**