

CATEGORY E

SUBJECT:

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

OBJECTIVE(S)

To demonstrate the ability to care for a snowmobile, provide basic servicing and safely operate a snowmobile.

PREREQUISITES

Minimum age to legally operate a snowmobile on public trails and private property according to provincial/territorial laws.

INSTRUCTORS/EVALUATORS

- Qualified members of Snowmobile Clubs or Associations
- Snowmobile Manufacturer technicians/specialists
- Qualified members of Organized Rescue Groups (Police, St. John Ambulance, etc.)

REFERENCES AND MATERIALS

- Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association; manuals and publications
- Provincial/Territorial Safety Councils
- Internet

CONTENT

1. Understand and explain the functions and care of snowmobile parts.
2. Understand the correct clothing to be worn and its use.
3. Know all local and provincial/territorial laws governing the use of snowmobiles, as well as restrictions regarding age and licensing.
4. Knowledge and ability to demonstrate procedures for regular maintenance, including pre/post season maintenance. Ability to demonstrate basic procedures in emergency situations such as: freezing of the track, plugged gas filter, broken starter rope, broken ski, burst fuel line, etc.
5. Know the safe procedures for loading, unloading and trailering of snowmobiles: including any applicable regulations.
6. Know the correct equipment and procedures for survival in case of emergency.
7. Knowledge and ability to demonstrate First Aid techniques for inquiries most commonly related to the operation of snowmobiles (frostbite, hypothermia, cuts, fractures, heart attack, etc.).

8. Know the effect that winter has on our bodies, how to take appropriate precautions.
9. Know the proper handling of a snowmobile in all circumstances of ground and weather conditions (trail riding, off-trail riding, ice riding, mountain riding).
10. Know how to perform a pre-ride safety check.
11. Understand the various positions while driving, how to manoeuvre the snowmobile.
12. Know the correct method for passenger and group riding, crossing roads and railroad tracks.
13. Understand the importance of respecting the environment, pollution controls methods and courtesy for private property.

DURATION

As required by the local Association and/or the Provincial/Territorial Licensing authority.

CERTIFICATION

The Instructor/Evaluator must be satisfied that the candidate has sufficient knowledge and understanding of all the content listed or/and has qualified in an official course given by a club or association which covers the contents properly.

CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROFICIENCY SUBJECT

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

Instructors/Evaluators should carefully consider the age, ability and accessibility to resource materials of each candidate.

The candidate has completed the above content and meets the requirements to the satisfaction of the Instructor/Evaluator.

Name of Instructor/Evaluator: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____ Tel #: _____

Instructor qualifications: _____

I certify that

_____ of _____
(candidate's name) (Division #)

meets the criteria of this proficiency subject, as laid out on the previous page(s).

Instructor/Evaluator (signature) Date

Divisional Superintendent (signature) Date