



## Short Safety Subject

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[www.bragg.army.mil/psbc-bm/PubsAndForms/ShortSafetySubjects.htm](http://www.bragg.army.mil/psbc-bm/PubsAndForms/ShortSafetySubjects.htm)

### Snowmobiles



To have a safe and enjoyable snowmobile season, follow the "golden rules" of snowmobile safety:

- Stay off railroads, including the land on each side of the tracks. This space is designated off limits by railroad safety precautions. Remember that railroads are private property, unnecessary lingering or loitering can subject you to prosecution under trespassing laws or death by sudden impact.
- If crossing railroad tracks is necessary, stop, look, and listen first. Then, if everything is clear, cross the tracks at a 90 degree angle. Where a snowstorm or other environmental conditions impair your visibility, shut off your machine and listen carefully before crossing. You cannot hear a train coming over the noise level of your engine.
- Travel only on snowmobile trails. They are designed to minimize the hazards of railroads and highways.
- Travel in-groups. In the event a vehicle stalls or if someone is injured, you will have help. Always carry emergency repair equipment.
- Respect private and public property. Damaging property may cause the next group's trip to be unsafe.
- Avoid alcohol. It affects your judgment and reflexes.
- When darting through the picturesque countryside, watch for fences, clotheslines, or other similar low-hanging obstructions.
- Above all, use common sense in any snowmobiling situation and exercise reasonable caution. A few moments of adventure and excitement have never been worth the loss of a life or someone's health.