



# Snowmachine Safety in Alaska

*There's nothing like a perfect day of snowmachining!*

In order to make it one of your most memorable experiences, it's important to practice snowmachine safety. Here are some tips to help you on your next adventure, whether it be on the powdery slopes or on a maintained trail.

**Part of having a successful trip is planning.**

You should plan prior to riding:

- where you will ride
- how long you will ride
- and with whom you will ride.

**Inform someone of your snowmachining plans.**



**Weather:** the weather can produce unpredictable snow conditions. Be sure to check the weather reports before you leave. The reports can be on the television, radio and even web sites. Always be prepared for the unexpected.



**Clothing:** Make sure you have layers on to protect your body. Select your clothing carefully depending on the weather, paying special attention to the weather when you start, during the ride, and the wind chill factor. Frostbite can be drastically reduced when wearing the proper riding apparel.

**Trail Use:** Respect others who use the trails, like other snowmachiners, cross-country skiers, hikers, snowshoe users and dogsleds. Make sure the other party sees you, then pass with care.



use your head...  
**WEAR A HELMET.**  
It's there to save your life!