

OPP report five fatal snowmobile collisions so far this season

In the wake of five fatal motorized snow vehicle (MVC) collisions that have occurred in Ontario since the start of the season, the OPP is warning snowmobilers to exercise caution at all times while out enjoying what should be a safe winter recreational activity.

All five of these tragic fatalities occurred on roads and the OPP is reminding snowmobilers to always travel at speeds which take into consideration not only their ability as an operator, but also the weather and surface conditions in the areas in which they are travelling. This is especially important during heavy snowfall, high winds, when snow banks are present and when visibility becomes obscured or is reduced to zero.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) provide designated trails that are marked, mapped, maintained and patrolled for the safety and enjoyment of all snowmobilers. By avoiding closed trails and not riding on roads, lakes, unfamiliar terrain and private property, snowmobilers can greatly reduce their risk of getting into trouble.

Please make safety and common sense important aspects of your preparation and planning every time you head out on your snowmobile.