

## Snowmobile operator injured

On Friday, January 10th at 12:09 p.m., Grey County OPP received a report of an injured male after the snowmobile he was operating collided with a tree.

The 16 year old male youth from Orangeville, was operating a 2001 MXZ Skidoo on the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trail near the St. Vincent-Sydenham Townline in the Municipality of Meaford, when he lost control of the sled and struck a tree.

Grey County Emergency Services and Inter-Township Fire Department assisted with the retrieval and medical care of the operator who was taken to the Owen Sound Hospital with minor injuries.

Grey County OPP wish to remind snowmobile operators to be safe when riding and offer the following tips:

- ? avoid alcohol consumption
- ? stay on OFSC trails
- ? keep to the right side of the trail
- ? slow down on corners and when cresting hills
- ? wear an approved snowmobile helmet
- ? stop before crossing every road and railway track
- ? carry an emergency survival kit and cell phone
- ? ride with someone if possible and make sure you tell someone else of your route
- ? slow down when riding at night and wear reflective clothing.

For more safety information visit [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca)