

2018 - 2019 Snowmobile Accidents

2018 2019 Season	Number Involved	Injury	County	Date	Day	Time	Operator's Sex	Operator's Age	Terrain	Weather	Alcohol or Drugs	Cause/Description
Minor	1	Injuries to chest, wrist, back, neck and chipped teeth	Ogle	1/13/2019	Sun	12:05PM	M	48	Public Road	Clear	No	While crossing a road, snowmobile hit a dry patch causing it to flip. Minimal damage to snowmobile. Operator was wearing a helmet but, suffered a concussion and broken clavicle.
FATAL	1	Injuries to head	LaSalle	1/19/2019	Sat	6:40PM	M	58	Public Trail	Clear	Yes	Operator was travelling at a high rate of speed when he attempted to navigate a curve. He was thrown from his snowmobile, striking his head on a wooden post. Helmet was severely damaged.
Minor - no treatment	1	None	Ogle	1/19/2019	Sat	8:00PM	M	33	Gravel	Clear	No	Collision with fixed object (rock), causing snowmobile to overturn. No injuries reported.
Minor - no treatment	1	None	Boone	1/19/2019	Sat	7:00PM	M	39	Frozen Wetland	Clear	No	Individual was operating his snowmobile on a frozen wetland slough. When he hit thin ice the snowmobile began to sink. Snowmobile was partially submerged.
FATAL	1	Blunt trauma	McHenry	01/23/19	Wed	1:05AM	M	32	Private Land Field	Snowing	Yes	Operator was traveling at an excessive rate of speed when he struck a tree causing fatal injuries.
Minor	1	Broken Finger	Kane	01/27/19	Sun	1:00AM	M	36	Public Trail	Clear	Unk	Operator struck a patch of ice causing him to slide off the trail down a slope. He lost control and crashed into the trees.
Major	1	Fractured skull, scapula, clavicle, 4th rib. Face lacerations, bruised leg.	Menard	2/1/2019	Fri	5:50PM	M	55	Field Roadway	Clear	Yes	Operator was maneuvering in a wide circle to turn in the field when the ski of the snowmobile caught the dry roadway. This caused the snowmobile to overturn and throw the operator off. No helmet or protective gear was being worn.
Property Damage		Snowmobile totaled	DeKalb	2/1/2019	Fri	6:00PM			Roadway	Clear		Snowmobile was stuck in a ditch and was struck by a passing car. No injuries.
Major - Property Damage	1	Fractured skull, Lacerations to head and face	LaSalle	12/11/2019	Wed	5:00PM	M	46	Public Roadway	Clear	Yes	Operator was intoxicated operating his snowmobile at excessive speeds. He was ejected in front of and hit by his own snowmobile. He later struck a mailbox that hit his head, he was not wearing a helmet. He was then thrown from the snowmobile again, overturning the unit in a ditch.

