

December 2023 - March 2024 Illinois Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Incident Report

Field Report #	Injury	County	Day, Date & Time	Operator Age & Gender	Victim Age & Gender	Terrain	Weather	Alcohol/ Drugs	Snow. Ed.	Description
N/A	N/A	Dekalb	Thursday, 1/18/2024 @ 5:42pm	25, M	N/A	Field	Night, Clear Weather, Good Visibility, Smooth Snow, Light Wind	No	No	Cruising on snowmobile and sled caught fire. No explosion, injuries, or property damage occurred.
2024-NW-621-002SX	Fatal	Winnebago	Thursday, 1/18/2024 @ 9:05pm	54, M	Same	Roadway	Night, Snowy Weather, Good Visibility, Rough Snow, Light Wind	Yes	No	Operator was traveling west on road at stated high rate of speed. When continuing straight at a t-intersection, he struck a utility box and a tree. Fatal accident.

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2024-NW-612-003S	N/A	Whiteside	Saturday, 1/20/2024 @ 4:00pm	53,M	Same	Hennepin Canal	Dusk into night, Clear Weather, Fair Visibility, Icy Conditions	No	No	Operator was lead rider in party of 3 sleds traveling approximately 55mph. Operator lost sight in his mirrors of the 2 other sleds, and turned his head backward to see/find them. As he turned back forward he went into an open water spot. Snowmobile and operator went almost completely underwater.
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2024-NW-635-003S	2 Fractured Ribs, Collapsed Lung	Stephenson	Sunday, 1/21/2024 @ 2:30pm	41, M	Same	Field	Clear Weather, Good Visibility, Smooth Snow, Light Wind	No	No	Operator went over a hill, traveling approximately 55mph. Other sleds, not in the operators party, were stopped at the bottom of the hill. This caused the operator to maneuver to miss the sleds. The maneuver caused the operator to crash, with his sled landing on top of him resulting in 2 fractured ribs and a collapsed lung.
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