



**2009-2010 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS**  
Updated as of March 2, 2010

<b>Number of snowmobile fatalities</b>	<b>19</b>
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2/27/10 – 3:35 p.m. – Itasca County

67-year-old male died the snowmobile he was operating left the Mt. Eide Trail and hit a tree.  
 Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail                      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – no

2/26/10 – 10:18 p.m. – Pine County

38-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree and rolled.  
 Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail                      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – BAC .170

2/20/10 – 7:00 p.m. – Carver County

28-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a telephone pole guide wire.  
 Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way                                      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – BAC .26

2/18/10 – 3:00 a.m. – Rice County

44-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating was hit by another snowmobile  
 Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail                      Type of Fatality - Machine-Machine Collision  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – BAC .14

2/14/10 – 12:33 a.m. – Red Lake County

50-year-old female died when she drove her snowmobile into a drainage ditch and impacted on the ditch embankment.  
 Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way                                      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – BAC .18

2/13/10 – 5:30 p.m. - Aitkin County

49-year-old male, riding an inner tube being towed by a snowmobile, died when he struck a fence post.  
 Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream    Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object  
 Snowmobile Certificate – no    Alcohol involved – no

2/7/10 – 6:23 p.m. - Freeborn County

32-year-old male died when he drove his snowmobile into a drainage ditch and impacted on the ditch embankment, and he was pinned under the sled.

Type of Terrain – Within City or Village Limits

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – BAC .20

2/7/10 – 12:14 a.m. – Crow Wing County

46-year-old male died when he collided with a tree hanging out over the ice on Cross Lake.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Alcohol involved – BAC .20

2/5/10 – 6:35 p.m. – Washington County

A 28-year-old male is presumed to have drowned in St. Croix River after driving into open water at night. Searches for this person have been unsuccessful.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Alcohol involved – unknown

2/1/10 – 2:15 a.m. – St. Louis County

35-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a dock.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - no

Alcohol involved – BAC .24

1/31/10 – 12:09 p.m. – Itasca County

61-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left the trail and hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – no

1/29/10 – 8:11 p.m. – Douglas County

31-year-old male died from multiple injuries received after being hit by a snowmobiler from behind.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Alcohol Involved – BAC .04

1/21/10 – 2:30 p.m. – Steele County

64-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided with a truck.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol Involved - no

1/19/10 – 3:21 p.m. – Grant County

16-year-old male died when he was on the Central Lakes Trail and struck a parked semi.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol Involved – no

1/12/10 – 11:54 a.m. – Stearns County

47-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating and struck a trail crossing sign post.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol Involved – BAC .05

1/10/10 – 10:00 p.m. – Carlton County

22-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating, and he was thrown from the machine and struck trees.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .307

1/3/10 – 8:30 a.m. – Becker County

30-year-old female died when she lost control of the snowmobile she was operating and struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .12

12/28/09 – 10:50 p.m. – Itasca County

36-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left the trail and struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .13

12/19/09 – 9:30 p.m. – Rice County

48-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a tree.

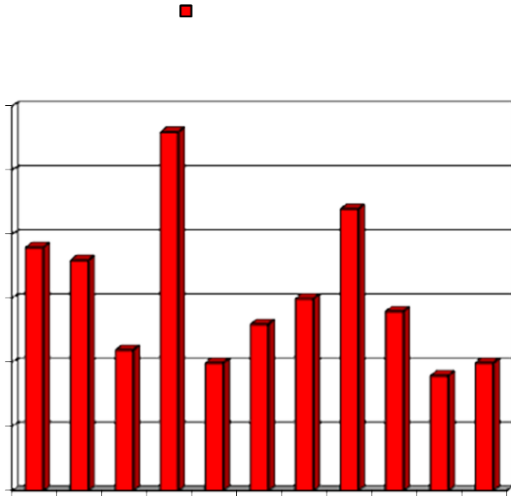
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Snowmobile Certificate – no

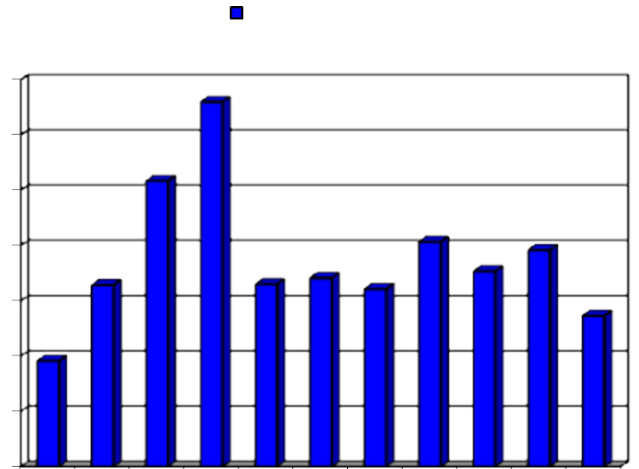
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol Involved – BAC .19

# Reported Snowmobile Fatal & Non-Fatal Accidents 1998 - 2008



**MN DNR Multi-Year  
Fatal Accidents**



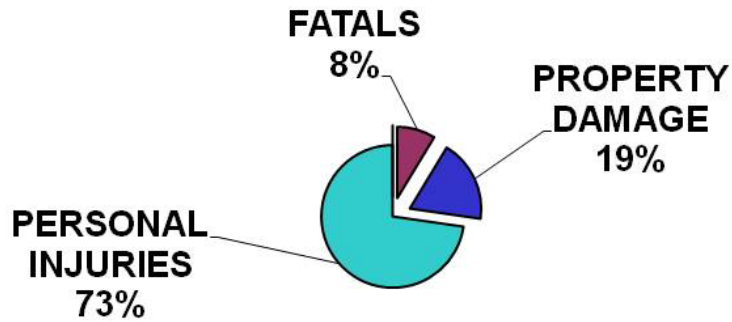
**MN Dept. of Health Multi-Year  
Injury Accidents Requiring  
Emergency Room Treatment**

MN DNR Enforcement Reported Snowmobile Accident Totals

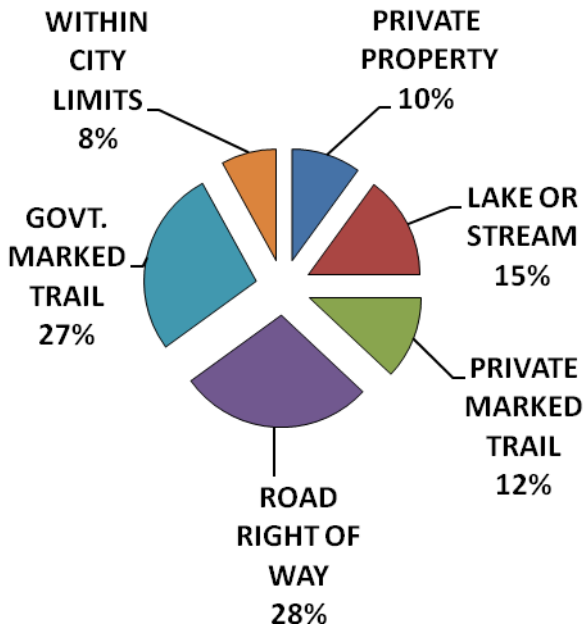
Total Accidents – 212 Fatalities – 19 Personal Injuries – 161 Property Damage - 41

*2009-2010 Snowmobile Accident Data Summary*

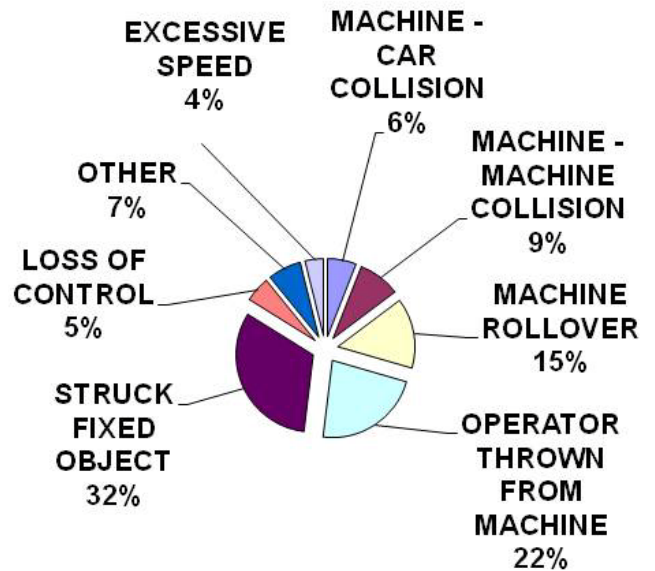
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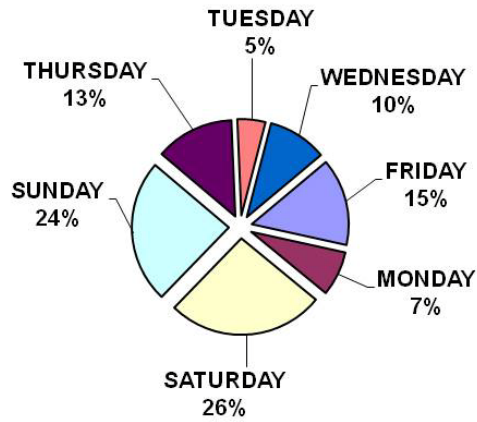
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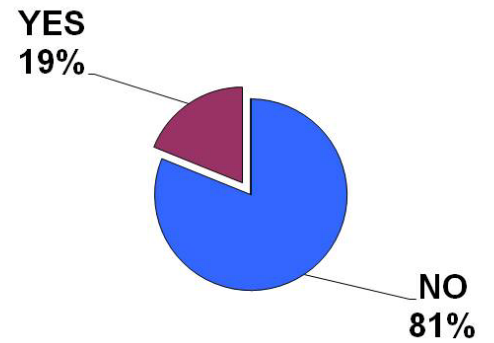
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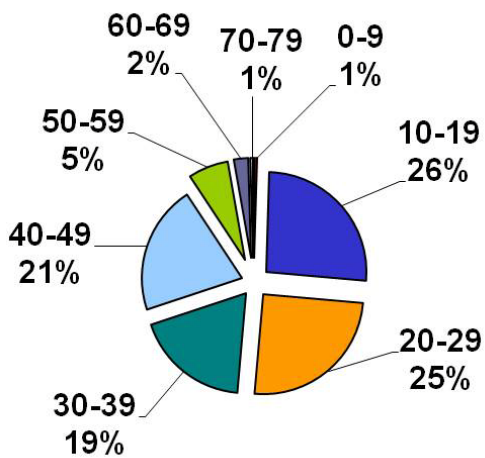
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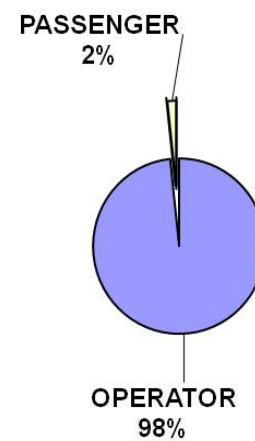
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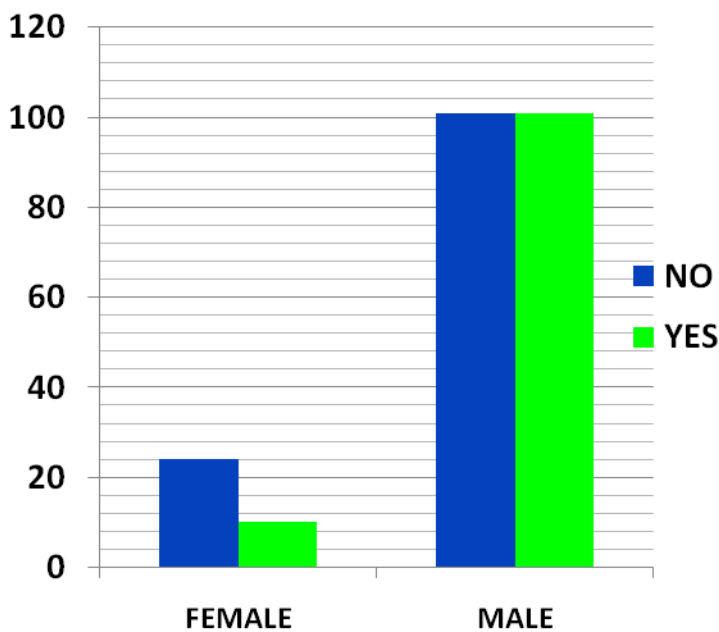
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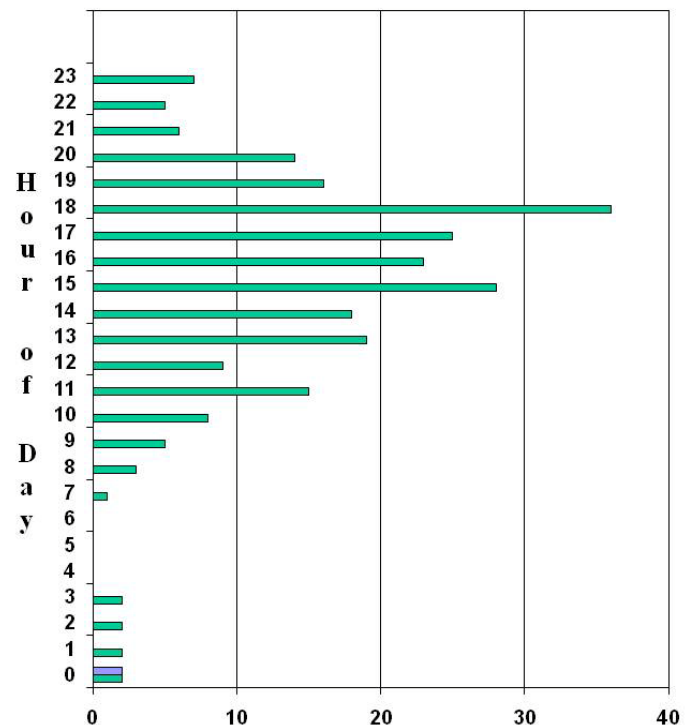
### Positions of Persons Involved in Accidents



### SAFETY TRAINING BY GENDER

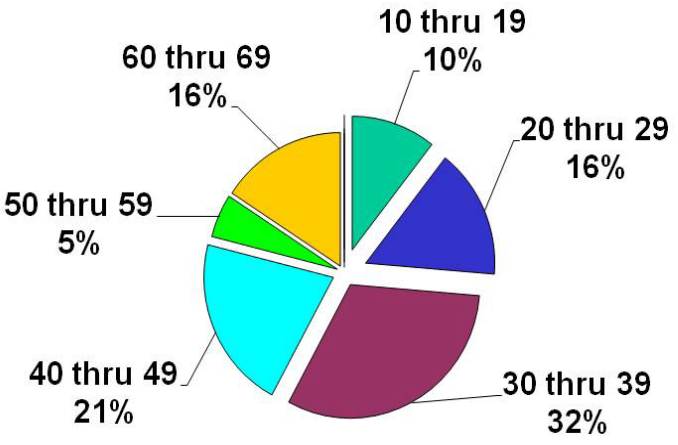


### Total # of Accidents by Hour of Day

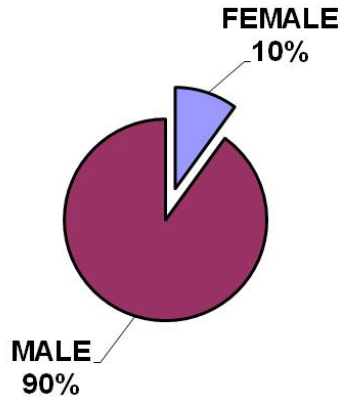


# 2009-2010 Snowmobile Fatality Data

### Fatals Grouped by Age



### Fatalities by Gender



### Alcohol Involved in Fatal Accidents

