

Pathfinder Village - Snowmobile Requirements:

The legal definition of a snowmobile is a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered by skis or runners.

All snowmobiles operated within Pathfinder Village must be equipped and operated as follows:

Helmet:

- Operators or riders under 18 years of age must wear a helmet.

Speed Limit:

- The speed limit for snowmobiles on the roadways within Pathfinder Village is 10 miles per hour. The speed limit on all other areas of common ground within Pathfinder Village is 35 miles per hour or less as conditions allow when using reasonable care in the operation of the machine.

Lights:

- Headlights and taillights must be on and visible at all times.
- Headlights must be able to reveal people and vehicles 100 feet ahead and aimed so they will not blind an oncoming snowmobiler, or other vehicle drivers.
- Colored lenses on headlights are NOT allowed.
- Red taillights must be visible for 500 feet to the rear of the snowmobile.

Brakes:

- Brakes must be able to control movement and to stop and hold the snowmobile track.

Reflective Material:

- Snowmobiles must have at least 16 square inches of reflective material on each side forward of the handle bars.
- Any sled, trailer, or other device that is towed by a snowmobile during hours of darkness must display visible reflective material on each side and at the rear.

Mufflers:

- Snowmobiles must be equipped with mufflers that are in good working order and do not produce sharp popping or cracking sounds or excessive or unusual noise. After-market exhaust systems are NOT allowed.
- You may not operate or sell a snowmobile built on or after April 1, 1975 that exceeds 78 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet, except under a permit issued by the DNR or county sheriff.

Youth Operation Requirements:

- Lot Owners and persons in lawful control of a snowmobile are jointly responsible for laws broken by a minor on that snowmobile.
- Anyone under 18 years of age old must wear an approved helmet.
- To register a snowmobile in Pathfinder Village you must be at least 18 years of age and a lot owner within Pathfinder Village.

Snowmobile Safety Certificate / Safety Training Requirements:

- No one under 12 years of age may operate a snowmobile within the boundaries of Pathfinder Village.
- Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 must have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile within Pathfinder Village. Residents born after December 31, 1976 must have a snowmobile safety certificate, or snowmobile safety certificate indicator, on their driver's license or on their Minnesota ID card to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.
- To become certified In snowmobile safety, students must pass a Minnesota snowmobile safety training course.
- Anyone 18 years of age or older does not need a snowmobile safety certificate.
- Nonresidents certified in snowmobile safety training in another state will be recognized in Minnesota and within Pathfinder Village.

Safety Training Information:

To learn the times and dates of classes in your community, or to receive the Adult Snowmobile Safety Training CD, check the DNR web site <http://www.mndnr.gov/snowmobiling>; or call the DNR Information Center 1-888-646-6367, metro area (651)296-6157, or the Snowmobile Safety Training Program Headquarters at 1-800-366-8917.