

2022 Snowmobile Fatal Incident Summary As of March 20, 2023

#	Date	County/C-V-T	Location	Age / Gender / Residency	Accident Type	WI Safety Certified?	Helmet Used?	Alcohol Involved/BAC
#1	1/1/2022	Forest / Freedom	Public Trail	62 / M / WI	Snowmobile Rolled Over	No	Yes	No
Synopsis		Single male operator/victim traveled off the trail after negotiating a curve, overturned, and came to rest a short distance off the trail. The victim was med-flighted to the Hospital with serious injuries. The victim succumbed to his injuries sustained in the crash on 01/13/2022.						
#2	1/8/2022	Langlade / Elton	Public Trail	23 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	Yes	Yes / .11
Synopsis		Operator/victim was traveling in a group of three and failed to negotiate a curve, striking a tree.						
#3	1/12/2022	Oconto / Lakewood	Public Trail	56 / F / OK	Collision with a Fixed Object	No	Yes	No
Synopsis		Operator/victim and passenger were traveling on a public trail and struck a tree located in the middle of the trail.						
#4	1/27/2022	Iron / Hurley	Public Trail	55 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object / Ejected	Yes	Yes	Yes / .20
Synopsis		Operator/victim failed to negotiate a curve, went off-trail, struck a tree and was ejected.						
#5	1/28/2022	Vilas / North Twin Lake	Frozen Lake	18 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	No	Yes / .16
Synopsis		Operator/victim struck a snowmobile trailer that was parked on the lake next to an ice shanty.						
#6	1/29/2022	Forest / Nashville	Public Trail	80 / M / WI	Collision with Moving Motor Vehicle	Yes	Yes	Yes / .062
Synopsis		At an intersection of trail and roadway, the operator/victim failed to stop at a stop sign and was struck by a motor vehicle.						
#7	2/9/2022	Oneida / Lynne	Public Trail	53 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object / Ejected	Yes	Yes	Yes / .129
Synopsis		Operator/victim was last in line traveling in a group of five and was attempting to pass riders on the left-hand side of the group, when he traveled off the opposite trail edge and struck a large stump.						
#8	2/12/2022	Oconto / Lakewood	Public Trail	50 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object / Ejected	No	Yes	Yes / .122
Synopsis		Operator/victim was traveling southbound on a trail system during early morning hours and came to a slight curve to the left near a road intersection. Operator/victim left the trail, traveled through some vegetation, and hit a large snowbank at the road intersection adjacent to the trail.						
#9	2/12/2022	Polk / Centuria	Private Property	71 / M / WI	Snowmobile Tipped Over / Ejected	No	No	Yes / .144
Synopsis		Operator/victim was operating on a roadway ending in a downhill slope to his gated driveway. The operator locked up the brakes causing the snowmobile to slide sideways, tip on its left side and slide to a stop.						
#10	2/12/2022	Iron / Sherman	Public Trail	66 / M / IL	Collision with a Fixed Object	No	Yes	Yes / .011
Synopsis		Preliminary information indicates that the operator bailed off of his snowmobile when he was unable to negotiate a curve. He then struck a tree. Operator/victim was found conscious and communicative by members of his party who returned to look for him, but lost consciousness prior to EMS arrival. Lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful.						

#11	2/13/2022	Bayfield / Namakagon	Frozen Lake	50 / M / MN	Collision with a Fixed Object	No	Yes	Yes / .132
Synopsis		Operator/victim was traveling across lake Namakagon when he struck the shoreline causing him to be ejected from the snowmobile and into a tree.						
#12	2/20/2022	Vilas / Washington	Public Trail / Highway	54 / F / IL	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	Yes	No
Synopsis		Operator/victim was attempting to cross a state highway at a trail crossing. Preliminary evidence suggests the operator traveled over the roadway snowbank at a high rate of speed, struck the opposite trail edge going airborne off the trail and crashed into a large fence and tree.						
#13	3/4/2022	Vilas / Northern Highland State Forest	Public Trail	48 / M / WI	Snowmobile Rolled Over / Ejected	No	Yes	No
Synopsis		Operator/victim was negotiating a corner when he traveled off the trail, accelerated back onto the trail, lost control and rolled the snowmobile. During the roll sequence, the operator was ejected and struck a tree.						
#14	3/13/2022	Washburn / Long Lake	Frozen Lake	60 / M / WI	Broke Through Ice / Ejected	Yes	No	Yes / .19
Synopsis		Operator/victim was reported missing on the morning of 3/14/22. The operator/victim was found deceased in a swampy area of the lake. Preliminary investigation indicates the operator/victim was operating on the lake during the overnight hours of 3/13/22 and may have been disoriented, when he broke through the ice in multiple areas and was ejected.						
#15	12/22/2022	Iron / Anderson	Route	47 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	Yes	Yes / .076
Synopsis		Operator/victim was travelling southbound on a snowmobile route, failed to negotiate a curve and struck a tree.						
#16	12/29/2022	Bayfield / Namekagon	Frozen Waterbody	22 / M / WI	Collision with a Fixed Object	Yes	Yes	Yes / .059
Synopsis		Single operator/victim was traveling on a snowmobile on a frozen lake. Operator/victim went under a bridge, travelled up a snowbank and struck and l-beam support of the bridge. Speed appears to be a factor.						