INSTRUCTOR'S LESSON PLAN

Snowmobile Safety – Safe Personal Speed Limits

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SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR			
Snowmobile Safety				
TITLE OF LESSON	DATE OF INSTRUCTION			
Speed – Setting Safe Personal Speed Limit	ts			
***Second of Three in the Speed Lesson Plan Series				
TIME PERIOD (TOTAL)	PLACE			
15 minutes				
TRAINING AIDS	TYPE OF LESSON			
1. Lesson Plan	☐ E.D.O.C.			
2. Annual Fatal Crash Synopsis Report	⊠ LECTURE			
3. ATV and/or Snowmobile Regulations	⊠ DISCUSSION			
4. ATV and/or Snowmobile Student	□ PRACTICAL			
Manual				
OBJECTIVE(S)				
✓ Discuss Importance of Speed Limit Laws				
✓ Discuss Need to Set Safe Personal Speed Limits				
✓ Discuss How to Set a Safe Personal Speed Limit				
(This lesson meets the WI DNR Safety Education standards.)				
INSTRUCTOR REFERENCE				
ATV & Snowmobile Safety Student Manual				
ATV & Snowmobile Regulations				
Lesson Plan				
STUDENT REFERENCE				
ATV & Snowmobile Student Manual				
ATV & Snowmobile Regulations				

TIME	LESSON OUTLINE	AID CUES
0:00	How fast can or should you go on your Snowmobile or ATV?	
	No one simple answer because speed will change Based on:	
	WHERE you're riding WEATHER conditions	
	your own EXPERIENCE SPEED LIMITS set by law.	Student Manual
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TIME	LESSON OUTLINE	AID CUES
	Why are there speed limits? Safety, avoid collisions that could hurt you or someone else, or damage property.	Regulations Pamphlet Speed Limit Sign
	Why must you vary your speed when you drive? Relate to highway limits: State & Federal Highway Speeds = 55 – 65 mph County Highways = 45 – 55 mph Town Roads = 35 – 55 mph City Streets = 25 – 35 mph School Zones = 10 mph	Discussion with students for reasons why speeds are lower in different highway situations.
	These speed limits are laws that determine the reasonable and safe speed under these circumstances. The reason is safety - you're in an area where there are more types of roadway use, and traveling at a lower speed means you can watch out for those other people and stop a lot quicker if you need to. Safety is also why there are speed limits for snowmobiles and ATVs.	Laws set the reasonable and safe speeds because some people lack the judgment needed to make that decision and would drive 50mph in the city.
8:00	 The law limits how fast you can legally drive. a sign posted along the road, by laws found in your regulations book by following the rule that your speed must always be reasonable and proper. 	Regulations Pamphlets Speed Limit Sign
	When no Speed Limit is posted,	
	These State laws apply: 1. Adjacent (explain) to a highway, drive no faster than the posted limit for the highway.	Regulations Pamphlets
	2. Don't go any faster than 10 miles per hour when you come within 100 feet of a person not on or in a vehicle.	Explain how fast 10mph would be in
	3. Slow down to 10 miles per hour within 100 feet of any fishing shanty. Ask Students Why?	case the ATV or Snowmobile doesn't have a speedometer.
	Answer: Ice fishermen, tipups, and stopping on the ice4. Slow down to 10 mph when traveling within 150 feet of a house between 10:30 pm and 7:00 am. WHY?	Can you run 10mph?
	Answer: Safety and noise are both factors here.	Ask Students for other examples:

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	Why 10 mph and 100 feet?	X Country Skiers,
	Provides a margin of safety that is reasonable and proper under those circumstances where there are no speed limit signs.	Ice Fishermen, People walking along roadways/ sidewalks, Children
	These are the maximum speeds you can go.	playing in yards, Fisherees, Radar
	Remember, you can drive slower and stay further away.	Runs, Events on Ice
	Where there is no posted speed limit (many trails do not have posted limits), and when you aren't within 100 feet of a person or an ice shanty, the rule is that you must drive no faster than is reasonable and proper under the circumstances. Let's figure out how we decide what is reasonable and proper.	Set up 100 foot tape to help students judge distance.
	Think to yourself: Can I	
	1. STOP IN TIME to avoid a collision?	
	2. STEER AWAY from an obstacle or over to the side of the trail without rolling the machine?	
	3. CONTROL the MACHINE at all times? Bumps in the trail can make your machine fly and steering depends on the skis or tires being in contact with the snow or trail.	
	Your ability to control your ATV and Snowmobile and/or avoid a collision is based on 2 things:	
15:00	REACTION TIME and STOPPING DISTANCE.	