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Killam / Forestburg RCMP offers tips on staying safe while snowmobiling this season

Killam, Alta. – Snowmobiling is an exciting way to explore the great outdoors during winter. However, operating a snowmobile requires preparation, awareness, and adherence to safety practices to ensure a fun and incident-free ride.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP recommend the following tips to keep you safe while enjoying your snowmobiling adventures this winter:

- Inspect your snowmobile before your outing for mechanical issues, including brakes, lights, fuel levels, and engine performance.
- Bring a fully charged phone, first aid kit, tool kit, flashlight, extra fuel, and spare parts such as belts and spark plugs.
- Wear warm, layered clothing, insulated gloves, windproof jacket, snow pants and a properly fitted helmet designed for snowmobiling.
- Familiarize yourself with the trails and terrain before you head out. Use official maps and always remember to stay on marked and groomed trails to avoid hazards.
- Monitor forecasts and avoid snowmobiling during extreme cold, snowstorms, or low visibility. In mountainous areas, check avalanche forecasts and avoid high-risk zones.
- If crossing frozen water, check that ice thickness is at least 25 cm (10 in) for snowmobiles and avoid areas with flowing water or cracks.
- Never ride alone; travelling with a group ensures help is available in case of an emergency. And always let someone know your route and expected return time.
- Avoid alcohol or drugs before and during your ride.
- Consider taking a snowmobile safety course to learn proper handling and emergency response techniques.

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