

LA PORTE SNOWMOBILE CLUB
WINTER 2018-2019
SAFETY RULES & GUIDELINES

With the first snow on the ground, hopefully the snowmobile and side-by-side (SxS) season starts soon! Snowmobiles, rangers, RZR's and Can-Ams will be out and about enjoying the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails that our green sticker fees go towards and our club funds and members help maintain. Remember that SxS vehicles must have snow tracks installed to be used after the main gate has been closed.

Here are some friendly reminders regarding the use and safety of our favorite OHV sports:

1. **Do not ride alone!**
2. **Wear helmets and safety equipment** – Driver and passengers should to wear helmets and safety equipment at ***ALL*** times
3. **Stay to the right** – Some trails are narrow; stay to the right to stay safe. Note that SxS are increasingly prevalent on OHV trails and are wider than snowmobiles. Stay to the right at controlled speeds!
4. **Be prepared** - Pack a safety kit including basics such as first aid, fire starter, water, extra clothes & gloves, tow rope, etc.
5. **Pack it in, pack it out** - treat our warming huts and trails well. The last few winters have had instances of large amounts of trash accumulating in the warming facilities. Unacceptable!
6. **Hand signals** – learn and use appropriate hand signals, especially when riding in large groups or in high traffic areas.
7. **Washouts** – Be aware of washouts, especially after heavy rainfalls or periods of warm weather. Elevation changes into washouts can be *severe!*
8. **OHV Parking** – park smart and efficiently. Keep the OHV parking area clean. Be respectful!
9. **Be a good example for the snowmobile and side-by-side sports!** LPSC members only represent a small portion of the users, but we are the primary contact organization for the USFS and various state agencies.
10. **Be safe and have fun!**

Please go over these guidelines with your family members and guests. Most safety and emergency issues each year can easily be avoided if the snowmobile community were to focus on remembering these items and educating the new and young OHV users.

Let it snow!!!