## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SNOWMOBILE LAWS

When driving a snowmobile you shall:

- a) make crossings to the right and pass on the left;
- b) not overtake and pass another off-highway vehicle on the right, except when the other vehicle is about to turn left;
- c) subject to clause (b), in passing another offhighway vehicle, shall not pull in front of the off-highway vehicle passed until he/she has made sure that he/she can do so without risk to the off-highway vehicle passed;
- d) when the trail is comprised of more than one lane and such lanes are in opposite directions, shall drive in the right lane and shall refrain from entering the left hand lane before having ascertained that he/she may do so without danger and after having given warning of his/her intention if followed closely by another off-highway vehicle;
- e) if following another off-highway vehicle, maintain a safe distance therefrom, taking into account the speed and density of the traffic as well as the condition of the trail;
- f) yield the right-of-way to any following offhighway vehicle claiming the right-of-way, by bearing to his/her right;
- g) not drive in reverse without having ascertained that it can be done without risk and without impeding traffic;

- h) when stopping, slowing down or turning, make the following signals:
  - left turn extend the left arm horizontally to the left

right turn - extend the left forearm upwards stop or lessening of speed - extend the left arm downwards

 a left turn and a right turn may also be indicated by:

signals made by a mechanical device which shall be placed on each side of the off-highway vehicle and pointed in the direction of the

> intended turn, or by

 k) when crossing the highway, roadway or sidewalk portion thereof, the operator of a snowmobile shall:

- have a valid driver's license;
- stop before entering onto the highway;
- remove all passengers;
- yield the right-of-way to all other vehicles and persons on the highway; and
- cross at right angles to the center of the highway, and with lamps and tail lamps illuminated.
- No person who is the owner or operator of an off-highway vehicle may operate or permit any other person to operate the vehicle with
  - out a certificate of registration.
  - m) No person may possess, except
    on the property of the owner,
    the vehicle without a certificate of
    registration.

n) To operate an off-highway vehicle on a trail leased from the government or any other person by any snowmobile association or club, you must first obtain a permit from that association or club authorizing the operation of the vehicle on that trail.

o) The Minister of Transportation and Public Works may designate any authorized officer of a snowmobile club to be an auxiliary peace officer to enforce the requirements of the Off-Highway Vehicle Act and Regulations.

signals made by means of a luminous indicator operated on the left side or the right side of the off-highway vehicle with respect to its directions according to the direction of the intended turn.

j) a stop or lessening of speed may also be indicated by signals made by means of lights or luminous devices adapted to such purpose at the rear of the off-highway vehicle. Snowmobiles shall be registered annually at an office of Highway Safety.

License plates shall be attached to rear and be clearly visible, readable and unobscured.

C.S.A. approved helmets shall be worn by the operators and passenger(s).

No person shall drive a snowmobile at a speed exceeding 8 kilometers within 10 meters of a dwelling or where a person is practicing an outdoor sport.

A person between 10 and 14 years of age requires direct supervision of at least one adult who holds a valid driver's license.

No person shall operate or have care or control of a snowmobile while his/her ability to operate is impaired by alcohol or drugs, or operate a snowmobile on any land without expressed permission of the owner of that land or the tenant, licensee, or permitee of the owner of that land



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## **Prince Edward Island**



Prince Edward Island offers some of the finest snowmobiling trails in the country. Groomed trails are maintained through the province for your safety and enjoyment.

A "trail" is defined as a path, road or route for the use of off-highway vehicles. It is important that all snowmobilers understand and practice the rules of the trail.

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