

Snowmobile Offense Types¹

The table below is meant to be a quick-reference guide for common offenses involving snowmobiles. An individual may be subject to exceptions found within the relevant statutes, and accordingly, may not be guilty or responsible for the offense when certain conditions are met. See each statute in its entirety for information on circumstances in which an offense may not apply.²

Statutory Reference	Offense Description	Offense Type
MCL 324.82103	Operation of snowmobile without obtaining certificate of registration/registration decal	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82108(6)	Failure of person < 17 years of age to have a safety certificate on his/her person	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82118(1)	Failure to secure snowmobile trail permit sticker before operating	State civil Infraction
MCL 324.82118(4)	Failure to permanently affix snowmobile trail permit sticker	State civil Infraction
MCL 324.82118(6)	Agent uses/allows use of snowmobile permit by another	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82119(1)	Operation of snowmobile on public highway, land used as an airport or street, or on a non-designated public or private parking lot except under certain circumstances	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82120	Permitting prohibited operation of snowmobile by minor; minor crossing highway/street as prohibited; failure to present snowmobile safety certificate upon demand	Misdemeanor

¹ See the Michigan Judicial Institute's *Recreational Vehicles Benchbook*, Chapter 3, for more information on offenses and civil infractions involving snowmobiles.

Statutory Reference	Offense Description	Offense Type
MCL 324.82121	Use of snowmobile to hunt, pursue, worry, or kill wild bird or animal	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82122(1)	Equipment requirement - headlight, taillight, brakes	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82122(2)	Prohibited sale of snowmobile not meeting minimum safety standards	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82123	Equipment requirement - crash helmet	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(a)	Operation of snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(b)	Operation of snowmobile in a forest nursery, planting area, or in certain forest reproduction areas	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(c)	Operation of snowmobile on frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of a person not in/on a snowmobile, fishing shanty/shelter (minimum speed is permitted), or prohibited ice skating area	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(d)	Operation of snowmobile within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6:00 a.m. at greater than minimum speed	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(e)	Operation of snowmobile during prohibited times in public hunting area during firearm deer season	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(f)	Operation of snowmobile while transporting a bow or firearm under certain circumstances	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(g)	Operation of snowmobile on or across a cemetery or burial ground	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(1)(h)	Operation of snowmobile within 100 feet of slide, ski, or skating area	Misdemeanor

²See *Summary of Michigan's Conservation-Related Laws*.

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MCL 324.82126(1)(i)	Operation of snowmobile on railroad or railroad right-of-way	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126(2)	Equipment requirement - muffler	State civil Infraction
MCL 324.82126a	Careless/Negligent operation of snowmobile	State civil Infraction
MCL 324.82126b	Reckless operation of snowmobile	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126c(1)	Careless/Negligent operation of snowmobile causing death or serious impairment of bodily function	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82126c(2)	Reckless operation of snowmobile causing serious impairment of bodily function (i.e. "Felonious operation")	Felony
MCL 324.82127(1)	Operating under the influence, with unlawful blood alcohol content, or with any amount of certain controlled substances	Misdemeanor/Felony (depends on prior convictions)
MCL 324.82127(2)	Knowingly allowing a person who is under the influence, who has an unlawful blood alcohol content, or who is visibly impaired operate a snowmobile	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82127(3)	Operating while visibly impaired	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82127(4)	Operating while under the influence, with unlawful blood alcohol content, with any amount of certain controlled substances, or while visibly impaired causing death	Felony
MCL 324.82127(5)	Operating while under the influence, with unlawful blood alcohol content, with any amount of certain controlled substances, or while visibly impaired causing serious impairment of a body function	Felony
MCL 324.82127(6)	Operating with any bodily alcohol content when less than 21 years of age	Misdemeanor

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MCL 324.82127(7)	Violation of § 82127(1), (3), (4), (5), or (6) when a person less than 16 years of age is occupying the snowmobile	Misdemeanor/Felony (depending on underlying offense and prior convictions)
MCL 324.82131(2)	Equipment requirement - headlight, taillight	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82132	Failure to report certain accidents	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82135	Willful failure to obey signal of law enforcement officer to stop by attempting to flee/elude	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82147a	Operation of snowmobile after driver's license is suspended or revoked	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82152	Operation of snowmobile after snowmobile operating privileges have been suspended	Misdemeanor
MCL 324.82158	Willful failure to bring snowmobile to a stop after being directed to do so by uniformed officer by attempting to flee/elude; failure to provide correct identification, show certificate of registration, and/or submit to a reasonable inspection and equipment test	Misdemeanor