

Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails



Safe Operating Procedures

SOP – 14: GROOMER EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

A breakdown in the middle of the night in the dead of winter can be extremely dangerous if emergency provisions are not available. Each groomer should be equipped with the below list of equipment. This list is, of course not exhaustive.

- Signs: At least 2 of each: Stop, stop ahead, slow, arrow, railroad crossing, ice crossing
- A roll of caution tape
- Reflective Safety Vest - in case you must get out of the machine at night, so others can see you
- Communication Device and a List of Important/Emergency numbers. (Cell Phone)
- Fire Extinguisher - A 20lb ABC extinguisher should be in all groomers
- First Aid Kit
- Lighter or Waterproof Matches
- Flashlight
- Hatchet/Bow saw/sharp Knife-For cutting small trees or branches. Knife can be used to cut tangled material, stuck clothing etc
- Wire/Tie-Wraps/Duct Tape
- Operator's Manual for the Groomer you are operating
- Tool Kit that includes a ratchet, sockets, wrenches, vice grips, etc
- Blanket
- Tarp/Plastic Sheet
- Chain / Tow Strap or Rope
- Road Flares

First Aid Kit Requirements

Regulation 1101 of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (1997) states that a workplace with 5 workers or less at any time must have and maintain a first aid box equipped as follows:

- a current edition of a standard St. John Ambulance First Aid Manual;
- 1 card of safety pins; and
- dressings consisting of
 - 12 adhesive dressings, individually wrapped,

- 4 sterile gauze pads, 3 inches square,
- 2 rolls of gauze bandage, 2 inches wide
- 2 field dressings, 4 inches square or 2 four-inch sterile bandage compresses, and
- 1 triangular bandage

The act also prescribes that the first aid station is at all times in charge of a worker who is the holder of a valid First Aid Certificate.