

**CHAPTER 7460**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**MOTORCYCLE HELMETS; SNOWMOBILES**  
**ON ROADS**

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**MOTORCYCLE HEADGEAR**

**7460.0200 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

The purpose of parts 7460.0200 to 7460.0400 is to establish minimum standards for design and construction of protective headgear to be worn by operators and passengers of motorcycles as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 169.974, subdivisions 2, paragraph (d), and 4.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 169.974 subd 4*

**7460.0300 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.**

Protective headgear required to be worn by operators or passengers of motorcycles shall be designed and constructed so as to equal or exceed the specifications contained in Standard No. 218 of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as published in Code of Federal Regulations 1980, title 49, section 571.218. Protective headgear meeting this standard is deemed approved by the commissioner of public safety.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 169.974 subd 4*

**7460.0400 MARKINGS AND IDENTIFICATION.**

Subpart 1. **Markings required.** The manufacturer shall mark helmets with the standard to which the helmet has been tested, the trade mark or manufacturer's name or initials, and the model designation.

Subp. 2. **Marking methods.** The manufacturer shall mark the helmet shell or a permanently attached part of the helmet by permanent molding, stamping, branding, engraving, or etching.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 169.974 subd 4*

**SNOWMOBILE OPERATION**

**7460.5100 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.**

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of parts 7460.5100 and 7460.5200 is to carry out the mandate of the legislature and to effectuate that mandate as set forth in Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.81 to 84.89, with reference to the operation of snowmobiles upon the streets and highways of the state of Minnesota.

Subp. 2. **Scope.** The scope of parts 7460.5100 and 7460.5200 is intended to be confined within the framework of and consistent with Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.81 to 84.89.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86 subd 2*

**7460.5200 METHOD OF OPERATION.**

Any snowmobile operated within the right-of-way limits of a street or highway:

A. shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle under any conditions of operation;

B. shall, when operated adjacent to a roadway during hours of darkness, be operated only in the direction of travel required of vehicles upon the traffic lane nearest to the snowmobile;

C. shall be equipped with at least one headlamp so aimed and of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions; such headlamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming driver; and

D. shall be equipped with at least one rear lamp exhibiting a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86 subd 2*