

Qanuqtuurunnarniq Solutions

The following will assist individuals who may experience some difficulties on the land with their all terrain vehicles or a snowmobile. Some times we have no choice but to improvise. The tips below have been used on the land and come from people who have actually experienced them!

1. **Broken Steering Column on snowmobile.** Tie a piece of wood between the skis so it sticks out on each side. Tie a rope from the stick on each side going back to the qamutiik. Driver 1 sits on the snowmobile and operates the throttle. Driver 2 sits on the qamutiik and steers by pulling on the ropes.
2. **Qamutiik brakes for going down a steep hill.** Slip an old drive belt over the front of the qamutiik (uirngniq). If the hill is extremely steep, put an old drive belt on both uirngniik.
3. **Stuck Honda.** Wrap a rope around the tire or preferably the shaft, if it is accessible, tie the other end of the rope to a large rock or to a stake driven into the ground. In first gear or reverse, wind the rope around the tire, it should winch itself out.
4. **Making fire with a bullet and scope on a sunny day.** Find some moss, twigs, paper or any thing that can burn. Open the bullet and pour the gunpowder into a little pile on top. Use the rifle scope as a magnifying glass and ignite the powder.
5. **Flat tire.** You can use an empty gas tank of a Coleman stove to pump air into the tubes. It takes a while but it does the job!
6. **Flat tire (Ripped tire).** If the tire is tubeless, stuff caribou skin into it and tie a rope around it.
7. **Flat tire(Nail or sharp object).** Tubeless. Remove the alien object. Replace with a screw if you don't have the proper repair kit.
8. **Flat tire.** If you have a hose that fits into the exhaust pipe, stick it in and insure that it does not slip off. You may have to tape it or tie it down. Customize the other end so it fits the valve. Start the engine, the air will flow from the exhaust to the tire valve. Be careful, the hot air blows a great deal of pressure! Properly done, you can put air into your tire in few seconds. If the air going to the tire is too slow, grab the throttle and the air flow will be quicker.
9. **Removing tubeless tire.** Tie a rope around the airless tire as tight as possible and secure it. Lay the tire flat on the ground. Pound on the outside rim with a heavy object like a 2X4 while rotating it so you hit it in different spots, but do not hit the steel rim. After few hits, it should give away. Once one side is done, the other side is much easier to take off.
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