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The Report Card is based on the best available public information, including resort responses to requests for information, resort websites and the SnowSport Safety Foundation's (Foundation) *California Mountain Resort Safety Report* (Report) (www.snowsportsafetyfoundation.org/research) designed and supervised by a snow sport safety expert. That Report was based on observations of a limited set of safety practices made on a single random day in 2010. It may not reflect current individual or collective resort safety practices. The Report Card grading of the elements of Categories I, II, & III was directly derived from the 1-10 scoring of the same elements in the Report. When consulted, the Report's expert author indicated the boundary safeguard observations were not complete enough to score or grade. He deemed the documented observations reported on the elements of *Terrain Parks Design and Engineering*, Category IV, reasonably accurate and complete. The Report Card grading of that Category represents the equally weighted estimated scores derived from the observable practices. In 2011, copies of the Report were sent to all the resorts, and the Report has been continuously available on the Foundation's website. To date, the Foundation has not received any comments or requests for corrections from any resort. The grades reported in Category V were based on resort responses, or lack thereof, to the *Family Safety Survey* (<http://www.snowsportsafetyfoundation.org/documents/SSF-Resort-Family-Safety-Survey.pdf>), sent by the Foundation to the resorts in July 2012. The Survey requested updated information on all of the safety elements and practices included in the Report, as well as some additional information on safety policies and procedures. As of the date of publication of this Report Card, the Foundation has not received any completed surveys, comments or updated information from the resorts.

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FAMILY SAFETY REPORT CARD



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CALIFORNIA'S SNOW SPORT RESORTS
OUGHT TO GET ALL A'S

Safety Report Card

GRADES

I. IMPACT PREVENTION AND REDUCTION

C-

* Lift related structures safeguards	F
* Snowmaking equipment safeguards	D
* Air and water pipe safeguards	A
* Outbuilding safeguards	F
* Parked vehicle safeguards	D
* Beginner trail tree safeguards	B
* Side sloping trail safeguards	C

II. COLLISION AND LIFT FALL PREVENTION

C

* Blind intersection safeguards	C+
* Mixed ability intersection safeguards	C
* Learning area traffic safeguards	B+
* Family area speed controls	C
* Traffic congestion controls	C+
* Moving vehicle safeguards	D
* Chairlift safety bars	C-

III. HAZARD WARNINGS, MARKERS, AND BARRIERS

C-

* Surface hazard safeguards	C
* Terrain hazard safeguards	D
* Natural and unmanaged area entry safeguards	C

IV. TERRAIN PARK DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

D

* Defined boundaries	C+
* Posted feature difficulty ratings	C-
* Spotters required	F
* Speed controls	F
* Half-pipe rope off	C-
* Features engineered	ND
* Jump take offs flagged	D

V. SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

* Regularly updated safety plan available on website and request	F
* Standardized signage and signage key on trail map and website	F
* Death and injury monitoring, tracking and reporting	ND
* Designated safety / injury prevention officer or manager	ND
* Systematic accident reviews	ND
* Patroller qualifications and staffing	ND
* Employee and patron safety issue reporting and follow-up	ND
* Reckless skier monitoring and sanctions	ND
* Equipment operator drug use testing	ND
* Alcohol service on slopes	ND
* Child and staff helmet use requirements	ND
* Child accompaniment requirements	ND



OVERALL AVERAGE GRADE (CATEGORIES I, II, AND III)

All Resorts C

Alpine Meadows . .	C
Badger Pass	D+
Bear Mountain	C-
Bear Valley	D+
Boreal	D
Dodge Ridge	C+
Donner	D
Granlibakken	B
Heavenly	C
Homewood	C
June Mountain	C
Kirkwood	C-
Mammoth	C
Mount Shasta	D
Mountain High	C
Mt. Baldy	F
Northstar	C+
Sierra At Tahoe . . .	C
Sierra Summit	D
Snow Summit	C-
Snow Valley	D+
Soda Springs	B-
Squaw Valley	C
Sugar Bowl	C+
Tahoe Donner	C

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GRADING

90%* and above .	A
85-90%*	A-
80-85%*	B+
70-80%*	B
65-70%*	B-
60-65%*	C+
50-60%*	C
45-50%*	C-
40-45%*	D+
30-40%*	D
25-30%*	D-
<25%* or fail	F

ND = Not disclosed on direct request
* Consistent use of most effective safeguards