SKI AREA SLOPE AND TRAIL SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY CODE

Responsibility for safety on slopes and trails is shared by skiers, riders and the resorts. Skiers and riders should reasonably abide by "Your Responsibility Code" posted at most resorts. Likewise, this Resort Slope and Trail Safety Responsibility Code" lists the minimum time honored safety measures that resorts should undertake to maintain a reasonably safe and predictable environment for responsible skiers and riders.

1. Warn of and mark the <u>full extent</u> of hazards that approaching skiers and riders may not see so that they have ample time to stop or avoid them.

2. Post clear warnings and close access to areas with unskiable/unrideable conditions such as significant avalanche risk, steep ice, exposed ground, continuous cliffs, hazardous visibility, etc.

3. Maximize visibility, place advance warning signs, and separate merging skier/rider traffic with fences or rope lines at blind and widely divergent ability and activity (such as terrain park/race venue) intersections.

4. Control skier/rider speeds in designated "family" and "slow" areas, where narrowing slopes and trails constrict traffic flow, and where divergent activity areas merge with regular slopes and trails.

5. Isolate beginner learning areas so that more advanced skiers/riders cannot inadvertently enter into them.

6. Post highly visible signs/markings along terrain park, unmanaged area and resort boundaries to prevent inadvertent access, especially in inclement weather. Clearly warn of extreme hazards beyond these boundaries.

7. Prominently post and locate designated trail names with difficulty ratings on the resort trail map and on the trails so as to enable skiers to make appropriate, informed trail selection decisions.

8. Construct all hazard marking, signs, rope lines, and fences with colors and materials that attract attention, and that easily breakaway or otherwise minimize potential impact injuries.

9. Standardize signs, hazard markings and difficulty ratings. Include "Keys" on printed and posted trail maps to clearly explain their intended meaning to customers.

10. Protect man-made and other problem obstacles on or near trails to effectively deflect or absorb impacts at predictable skier/rider speeds and directions. Isolate or protect lift lines from approaching skiers and riders.

11. Maintain terrain park features to FIS or professionally engineered standards to minimize effective fall heights to less than 3'. Mark all jump start and take-off points.

12. Park all vehicles and operate non-emergency vehicles such that skiers/riders can't encounter them. Operate all emergency vehicles with flags, flashing lights, and clear, audible signals.

13. Equip all chairlifts with restraint bars, and operate all lifts to ANSI and state common carrier standards. Require small children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

14. Maintain and operate all lifts, including loading, unloading and staging areas to the highest standards of safety for common carriers.

15. Control reckless and dangerous behavior and remove noncompliant skiers/riders.

16 Direct and provide well trained and sufficient staff to effectively monitor and patrol open slopes and trails and provide state of the art outdoor winter emergency care.

17. Prominently post this Resort Slope and Trail Safety Responsibility Code. Maintain a comprehensive, publicly accessible resort safety plan and five years of all resort accident statistics.

This "Resort Slope and Trail Safety Responsibility Code" is authored and endorsed by the non-profit SnowSport Safety Foundation. For more information on mountain resort safety go to www.snowsport safety.org