

Responsibility Code # 1

ALWAYS STAY IN CONTROL

It is every skier and rider's individual responsibility to maintain control at all times. This is the number one rule of safe skiing and riding.

Read all trail signs and choose trails within your ability. Pay attention to your surroundings. Be aware of changing snow conditions. A soft snow trail in the morning could become hard and fast by the end of the day. A trail that began the morning freshly groomed may have several inches of snow on it by lunch. If you ever find yourself facing trail conditions that are beyond your ability, please do not proceed; request Ski Patrol assistance.

Whether new or experienced, as skiers and snowboarders we know when we lose control. As Mountain Safety Hosts monitoring slopes, it is more difficult to judge others as being in control or not. If you collide with a fixed object or another person, you are clearly not in control.

If a Host or a Patroller witnesses a collision, they will engage all involved persons. The purpose of this engagement is to document the collision and to educate those involved on the responsibility to maintain control. When guests are unaware of this responsibility *and* are not receptive to our on-snow education, they may have their skiing or riding privileges revoked. If guests demonstrate a history of unsafe behavior or collisions they will have their pass pulled. When passes are pulled, those guests will be enrolled in a Safety Education Class that must be successfully completed before returning to the slopes.

If you are involved in a collision with another person, you have duties under County and State Law. "Stay and render assistance such as warding off other skiers while waiting for aid or contacting resort staff to request Patrol aid if necessary" (Hood River County Ordinance 140). Even without any injury, we want to know about and document collisions between guests regardless of injury. Oregon law requires skiers (and riders) to report accidents to the ski area before leaving (ORS 30.985).

Please ski in control at all times.

You are responsible.