

RESPONSIBILITY CODES

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<https://skisafety.ca/alpine-responsibility-code/>

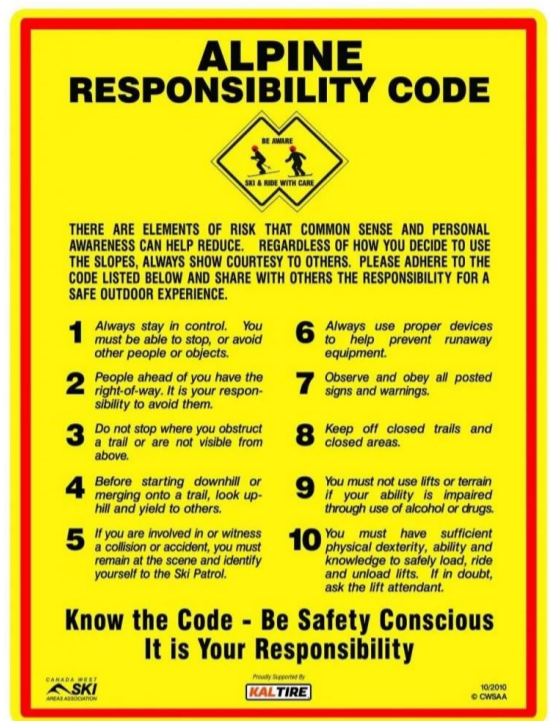
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The Responsibility Codes provides the basic rules of conduct and must be followed by all using the terrain.

There are 3 Responsibility Codes consistent across all Ski Areas of Western Canada: Alpine Responsibility Code, Mountain Biker's Responsibility Code & Cross Country Responsibility Code.

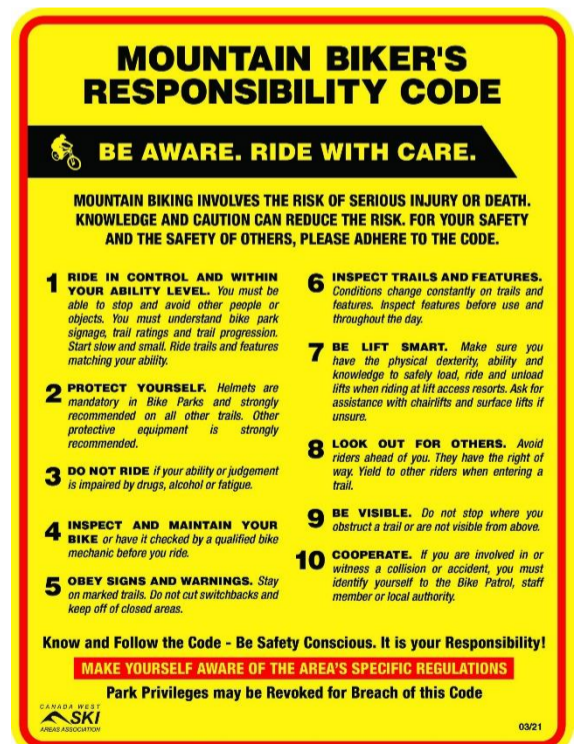
ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.
- People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- Do not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
- Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- If you are involved in or witness a collision/accident you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
- Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.
- Keep off closed trails and obey area closures.
- You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through the use of alcohol or drugs.
- You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability, and knowledge to safely load, ride, and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.




MOUNTAIN BIKER'S RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- **RIDE IN CONTROL AND WITHIN YOUR ABILITY LEVEL.** You must be able to stop and avoid other people or objects. You must understand bike park signage, trail ratings and trail progression. Start slow and small. Ride trails and features matching your ability.
- **PROTECT YOURSELF.** Helmets are mandatory in Bike Parks and strongly recommended on all other trails. Other protective equipment is strongly recommended.
- **DO NOT RIDE** if your ability or judgement is impaired by drugs, alcohol or fatigue.
- **INSPECT AND MAINTAIN YOUR BIKE** or have it checked by a qualified bike mechanic before you ride.
- **OBEY SIGNS AND WARNINGS.** Stay on marked trails. Do not cut switchbacks and keep off of closed areas.
- **INSPECT TRAILS AND FEATURES.** Conditions change constantly on trails and features. Inspect features before use and throughout the day.
- **BE LIFT SMART.** Make sure you have the physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts when riding at lift access resorts. Ask for assistance with chairlifts and surface lifts if unsure.
- **LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS.** Avoid riders ahead of you. They have the right of way. Yield to other riders when entering a trail.
- **BE VISIBLE.** Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- **COOPERATE.** If you are involved in or witness a Collision or accident, you must identify yourself to the Bike Patrol, staff member or local authority.



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- 6 Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- 7 Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.
- 8 Keep off closed trails and closed areas.
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BE AWARE. RIDE WITH CARE.


MOUNTAIN BIKING INVOLVES THE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KNOWLEDGE AND CAUTION CAN REDUCE THE RISK. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE.

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Know and Follow the Code - Be Safety Conscious. It is your Responsibility!
MAKE YOURSELF AWARE OF THE AREA'S SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
 Park Privileges may be Revoked for Breach of this Code





CROSS COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE TRAILS, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

- 1 Always check posted trail conditions.
- 2 Ski in indicated direction and obey all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails.
- 3 Always ski to right when meeting on-coming skiers and when skiing on double track.
- 4 Yield the track to faster skiers and skiers calling 'track'.
- 5 Ski in control. On two-way trails descending skiers have the right-of-way.
- 6 Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible to others. Move off the track quickly if you fall or during rest stops.
- 7 Do not litter. Take out what you pack in. Respect all property.
- 8 Report all incidents.

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****EDITORS NOTE:**

In winter the Alpine Responsibility Code info appears first on the page, in Summer the Mountain Biker's Responsibility Code appears first on the page. No change to content, just order of info.