

RESPONSIBILITY CODES

For the most current information view the following link:

<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 people or objects.
- People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- You must prevent runaway equipment.
- Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.



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.



Know The Code

Learn more about the Alpine Responsibility Code in this Video

Note, this video was created based on the previous version of the Alpine Responsibility Code.

<https://youtu.be/QL4WZzbcSQ8>

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ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. 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 stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2 People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3 Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4 Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5 You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6 Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7 Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8 You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9 Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10 If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

Know the Code - It is Your Responsibility



MOUNTAIN BIKER'S RESPONSIBILITY CODE

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.

- 1 **RIDE IN CONTROL AND WITHIN YOUR ABILITY LEVEL.** You must be able to stop and avoid other people or objects. You must maintain safe park etiquette, trail etiquette and trail progression. Start slow and work. Ride trails and features matching your ability.
- 2 **PROTECT YOURSELF.** Helmets are mandatory at Ski Parks and strongly recommended on all other trails. Other protective equipment is strongly recommended.
- 3 **DO NOT RIDE** if your ability or judgment is impaired by alcohol, fatigue or injury.
- 4 **INSPECT AND MAINTAIN YOUR BIKE** or have it checked by a qualified bike mechanic before you ride.
- 5 **OBEY SIGNS AND WARNINGS.** They are posted for your safety. Do not cut switchbacks and keep off of closed areas.
- 6 **INSPECT TRAILS AND FEATURES.** Conditions change constantly as trails are ridden. Inspect features before use and throughout the day.
- 7 **BE LIFT SMART.** Make sure you have the physical strength, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts when riding at lift access points. Ask for assistance with children and surface lifts if unsure.
- 8 **LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS.** Avoid others ahead of you. They have the right of way. Yield to other riders when entering a trail.
- 9 **BE VISIBLE.** Do not ride where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- 10 **COOPERATE.** If you are involved in or witness a collision or incident, you must identify yourself to the Ski Patrol, staff member or local authority.

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 enclosed direction and obey all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails.
- 3 Always ski to right when meeting on-going skiers and when skiing on double track.
- 4 Yield the track to faster skiers and skiers calling "back".
- 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 trail quickly if you fall or during rest stops.
- 7 Do not stop. 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.