



SAFETY ON THE SLOPES FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS (Season 2019-2020)

Safety on the Slopes

You are coming to Camp Fortune to have fun, to be active outdoors and to learn a new skill. We provide a safe environment for you to enjoy, but like any activity, there are inherent risks. Having an awareness of your surrounding, including hill conditions, is important – weather, snow and surface conditions are all variable. Steer clear of structures used in the operation of the ski area such as chairlift poles, snowmaking lines or pylons and be aware that natural obstacles like trees, rocks, bare earth and brooks may be present. Also, please remember that from time to time grooming equipment and emergency vehicles may be on the slopes.

Understanding your limitations and abilities with respect to these factors ultimately affect your personal safety. Your behavior on the slopes has a huge role in ensuring a safe experience. The Québec Ski Areas Association has established a code of ethics so that all alpine snow sport participants stay safe.

The Mountain Code

There are elements of risk that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Regardless of how you decide to use the slopes, always show courtesy to others. Please adhere to the safety code listed below and share with others the responsibility for a great outdoor experience.

1. **Keep it under control!** Remain in control of your speed and direction. Make sure you can stop and avoid any person or obstacle.
2. **On the trails, yield to those below!** Yield the right of way to persons downhill and choose a course that ensures their safety.
3. **Do not block the trail!** Stop on a trail only if you are visible from above and if you are not obstructing the trail.
4. **At intersections, yield to those above!** Yield the right of way to persons uphill when entering a trail and at intersections.
5. **Give the ski patrol a helping hand!** If you are involved in or witness an accident, remain at the scene and identify yourself to a first aider.
6. **Hold onto your equipment!** Use and wear at all times a proper device to prevent runaway equipment.



7. **No alcohol or drugs!** Keep off the lifts and trails if your ability is impaired through the use of alcohol or drugs.
8. **Respect signs!** Obey all signs and warning and never venture off the trails or onto a closed trail.

Be aware, ski with care, wear a helmet and know the *Mountain Code of Conduct* – it is your responsibility.

Helmets and Ski Safety

Camp Fortune strongly recommends that all skiers and snowboarders, regardless of the age, wear a helmet. Helmets are mandatory in our Terrain Park. Skiers and snowboarders are encouraged to educate themselves on the benefits and limitations of helmet usage. Helmets are available for rent in our Rental Shop.

Please visit www.myhelmet.ca for detailed information regarding helmet use and proper fit.

Look sharp. Be smart. Always wear a helmet. Use your head. Protect your most valuable asset.

Ski Patrol

The Camp Fortune Ski Patrol is a close-knit team of 80 members, recognizable by their jackets bearing the distinctive maple leaf and first aid cross insignia. The Patrol open and close the hill, promote safety and respond when accidents happen. Patrol members are extensively trained volunteers, who love to ski and ride as much as you do. The Camp Fortune Ski Patrol clinic is located across the parking lot from the Clifford chairlift and magic carpet.

To find out more, visit the national Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP) site www.skipatrol.ca, talk to us on the hill, contact us at patrol@campfortune.com or arrange to spend the day with us to learn about what we do.

Other Great Safety Related Resources for Children and Youth

<https://maneige.ski/en/mountain-code-conduct/>

<http://www.pacepenguin.com/Kids.html>

http://tssakidszone.ca/topic_skilifts.php