

# SAFETY INFORMATION

This is your guide to Whistler Blackcomb's policies, tips, and other important safety information. For more information visit [whistlerblackcomb.com](http://whistlerblackcomb.com).

## ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY 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 code listed below and share with others the responsibility for a safe outdoor experience.

1. Always stay in control. You must be able stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
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.
9. You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
10. You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.

**Know the Code – Be Safety Conscious. It is Your Responsibility.**

## HELMET POLICY

- Whistler Blackcomb recommends wearing helmets for skiing and riding. You are encouraged to educate yourself on the benefits and limitations of helmet usage.
- Mandatory helmet requirement for all children and youth participants in Ski and Snowboard School Programs as well as students participating in freestyle terrain park programs.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Do not ski or ride off the designated and patrolled runs.
- Deep snow or tree wells can expose you to the risk of snow immersion injuries or fatalities. Educate yourself on how to reduce the risks and always ski or ride with a partner.
- Stay within the Ski Area Boundary. Persons should only venture beyond the boundary if they have the necessary training, experience, equipment and support group to ensure group safety. Run closures must be respected and are strictly enforced.
- Please respect the Slow Skiing Zones. There are plenty of other areas to go a little faster without putting others at risk.
- Know your limits and trust your knowledge. If you don't feel comfortable with a route, don't do it. Simple.

## TERRAIN PARK ETIQUETTE

### → TERRAIN PARKS AND PIPE

- Prior to using Freestyle Terrain, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself with Freestyle Terrain and obeying all instructions, warnings and signs.
- Our features are built for skills and confidence progression and are rated from small (S) to extra large (XL), so that everyone can be a part of the scene.



## ASSUMPTION OF RISK

→ Skiing and snowboarding involve many risks, dangers and hazards which can result in accidents and injuries. These include but are not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking lifts; changing weather and snow surface conditions; natural and manmade obstacles, many of which are unmarked; collision with equipment or other persons; negligence of other persons. All skiers and snowboarders must assume these risk dangers and hazards and any resulting injury.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

→ Remember, weather conditions can change rapidly. Please ensure that your child is equipped with the following and that all belongings are labeled:

- neck warmer
- goggles and/or sunglasses depending on the weather
- sunscreen and lip balm applied.
- waterproof & insulated mittens, gloves, jacket and pants
- long underwear and turtleneck
- warm dry socks
- label everything with your child's first and last name
- A helmet. Helmets are available for rent and are included in our rental package. Helmets are also available for purchase at our retail stores.

## WHAT TO DO IF SEPARATED FROM INSTRUCTOR

→ Your child should ski or ride to the nearest lift station and tell the lift attendant, or stop a Mountain staff member in uniform and ask for assistance. For children wearing bibs, they will learn about the "whistle" that is attached. The whistle can be used to catch the attention of the instructor, an employee or a member of the public. Blowing the whistle indicates that the child needs assistance.

## FLAIK TRACKING SOLUTIONS – KEEP TRACK OF THE KIDS



→ Included in all Whistler Kids programs and Private lessons.

→ Flaik is a real-time tracking solution for skiers and riders that not only provides extra safety, but allows participants to log their day to see what runs they were on, how much vertical was achieved and see where they want to ski in the future at Whistler Blackcomb.

## PARENTS SHOULD TAKE LESSONS TOO

→ Now that the kids are settled in their programs, why not sign up for a lesson yourself? Adult program start-times usually begin a little later than kids programs, giving you plenty of time to join a program.

→ From Private lessons, Group Lessons, or Supergroup Lessons, to multi-day camps or clinics - our friendly staff are available to talk about what program is right for you.

→ Visit any Ski & Snowboard School Sales location, or phone **1.800.766.0449**.

## MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY NUMBER - 604.935.5555

→ If you have any questions or concerns regarding closures, safety or terrain please contact the Ski Patrol.