AVALANCHE INVOLVEMENT

If you come across or see an avalanche

- » Is it safe?
- » Number of people missing
- » Last seen point
- » Organise your team
- » Visual clues
- » Transceivers to search on/off
- » Signal search – make sure you cover all the debris on the first pass
- » Coarse search – follow your beacon on foot or skis
- » At 3 metres start to 'land the plane', getting your unit down to the snow
- » Fine search – on your knees, pin-point the lowest reading
- » Probe for the victim
- » Dig out using tactical shovelling
- » First aid and call for help
- » A buried victim must always go to hospital for a check-up

Take charge. Be assertive. Organise your own rescue. Do it now!

Information for the Emergency Services:

Local ski patrol if side country/adjacent to resort:
Exact location. In relation to locally named features, lift names, piste markers.

Emergency Numbers
Mainland Europe **112**
UK **112 / 999**
USA and Canada **911**

Search & Rescue (SAR)/ PGHM/ Local Police:
Exact location. Lat/long location for helicopter or local grid reference for ground based.

Group numbers?
Guide/doctor present?
Casualty numbers?
Severity of casualty injuries?
Helicopter LZ available?
Local weather?

This card is not a replacement for avalanche education but should act as a reminder as to the key things to consider when travelling in avalanche terrain.

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