

Risk Assessment Guidance*

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POTENTIAL HAZARD / RISK TO GROUP	CONTROLS OR MEASURES TO REDUCE RISK	FURTHER GUIDANCE OR USEFUL INFORMATION
Severe adverse weather conditions / Avalanche	Piste Patrol operate to manage an emergency on the mountain, such as avalanche, in conjunction with other emergency services.	If applicable, outside of Instructor led lessons, Party Leader to direct and ensure that the group respects closed run and avalanche risk areas (that will be signposted accordingly).
Altitude	Mountain Rescue teams are in operation to provide emergency rescue and medical aid to participants on the mountain, supported by emergency helicopter services if necessary.	Parents asked to ensure students travel with a suitable Kit List, including sunscreen, UV protective sunglasses and a personal water bottle.
Both sunshine (hot) and cold and the additional stress of physical exertion in these conditions	Mountain resorts frequently undertake work (controlled explosions) outside of lift operational hours, to cause avalanches to	Party Leader / supervisory adults to travel with spare portable protective clothing, such as hats, gloves, sunglasses for student use.

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	<p>occur where they believe there is otherwise a risk of avalanche to designated ski runs.</p>	<p>Brief the group on the importance of protection against cold and sun.</p> <p>Brief the group on wearing suitable clothing, both inner and outer layers (but which should not overly inhibit movement).</p> <p>Check that students are protecting their / any exposed skin and eyes; Provide protection reminders where necessary.</p> <p>Ensure that water-based drinks are frequently consumed, in conjunction with regular high energy meals, possibly supplemented by high energy snacks.</p> <p>Check and consider the daily weather forecast before setting off each morning.</p>
Unfamiliar alpine environment	24/7 Medical Centres with on-call doctors usually operate in (or in a neighbouring) ski resort.	Party Leader's own Risk Assessment written when viewing the resort as part of any pre travel Inspection Visit.
Slabs of snow and icicles falling from above	Resort operators are usually instructed to clear hazardous accumulations by local regulators.	Whilst difficult to avoid when making use of designated pedestrian walkways, group should be warned of the risk, advised to keep to the main pedestrian walkways and not to loiter / gather under any obvious significant accumulation.

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Slippery surfaces	The risk of slippery surfaces and the need for suitable footwear should be highlighted to the group, in conjunction with walking around in a careful controlled manner. Assist individuals where necessary.	
Separation from the group, close contact with strangers	Establish start and end-of-lesson and / or general group separation meeting points and times, for on and off the piste and ensure all the group and Instructors are aware of these.	School (trip) staff to have an Emergency Plan in place in the event of an overdue / missing student.

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