

Chair Evacuations

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This information is to be used as a guideline and a memory jogger.

All evacuation situations are different.

Make changes to fit the **SITUATION**.

Also... If you need help, we will be available to hold special training classes in the evening.

What's In The Ski Patrol Evac Bag?

During ski season take the time to look and see. Get familiar with the Evac. Equipment

Practice tying your basic knots:

Square Knot
Figure Eight
Bowline

Also - Check out the Red Ascending bag and what's in it.

Note: This is a ground base evacuation system.

LEGEND

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| 1. | Evacuee | - | Person in the chair (carrier) to be evacuated |
| 2. | Lead Line | - | Ball and rope used to pull rescue rope over haul cable |
| 3. | Tag Line | - | Attach to the evac chair to prevent it from spinning |
| 4. | Rescue Rope | - | Rope attached to the evac chair |
| 5. | Evac Chair | - | Used to lower evacuee to the ground |
| 6. | Carrier | - | The chair in which the evacuees are riding |
| 7. | Haul (Line) Cable | - | The cable to which the carrier is attached |

Lift Evacuation Procedures

1. Call comes to Peak - Chair evacuation is needed.
2. Lift will be locked down and tagged.
3. All patrollers and trained chair evacuation personnel should report to the peak **IMMEDIATELY**.
4. Pro Patroller or a responsible patroller will become the Lift Evacuation Commander (LEC).
5. LEC will assign teams of three (3) or more:
 - A. Talker
 - B. Belayer
 - C. Back-Up Belayer

NOTE ~ to show professionalism, know your assigned duty before reaching lift evacuation location.

6. The LEC will assign a ski instructor or courtesy patroller to ski down under the lift and advise evacuees that help is on the way. This person at the same time will check and advise the LEC of any special needs.
7. The first team to the first tower, the second team to the second tower, etc.

Duties

- A. The talker talks.
Example: My name is _____. I'm with the Wisp Ski Patrol. Please keep safety bar down. When we are ready, I will explain the chair evac procedure, etc.

Talk as needed to keep evacuee reassured.

Also, the talker has control of the tag line. This line is attached to the chair to prevent it from spinning. The talker controls the evacuation by staying in contact with the belayer and evacuee.

