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## **OREGON SKIER STATUTE** ORS 30.970 TO 30.990

**Violation of any of these duties entitles the ski area operator to withdraw the violator's privilege of skiing.**

**The following are excerpts from the statute.**

**References to "Skiers" & "Skiing" include skiing, snowboarding and other winter activities.**

- Skiers accept and assume the inherent risks of skiing (in so far as they are reasonably obvious, expected or necessary).
- Skiers who ski in any area not designated for skiing within the permit area assume the inherent risks thereof.
- Skiers shall be the sole judges of the limits of their skills and their ability to meet and overcome the inherent risks of skiing and shall maintain reasonable control of speed and course.
- Skiers shall abide by the directions and instructions of the ski area operator.
- Skiers shall familiarize themselves with posted information on location and degree of difficulty of trails and slopes to the extent reasonably possible before skiing any slope or trail.
- Skiers shall not cross the uphill track of any surface lift except at points clearly designated by the ski area operator.
- Skiers shall not overtake any other skier except in such a manner as to avoid contact and shall grant the right of way to the overtaken skier.
- Skiers shall yield to other skiers when entering a trail or starting downhill.
- Skiers must wear retention straps of other devices to prevent runaway skis.
- Skier shall not board rope tows, wire rope tows, j-bars, t-bars, ski lifts or other similar devices unless they have sufficient ability to use the devices, and skiers shall follow any written or verbal instructions that are given regarding the devices.
- Skiers, when involved in a skiing accident, shall not depart from the ski area without leaving their names and addresses if reasonably possible
- A skier who is injured should, if reasonably possible, give notice of the injury to the ski area operator before leaving the ski area.
- Skiers shall not embark or disembark from a ski lift except at designated areas or by the authority of the ski area operator



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# Are You Aware? Skier/Rider Safety Education Program

Mt. Hood Meadows is committed to safety education and increasing slope safety awareness. Our primary goal is educating, promoting personal responsibility and raising the awareness of the Skier/Rider Responsibility Code.

Last season we continued the successful "Are You Aware?" Skier/Rider Safety Education Program. Through out the season we focused on enforcement and education, with a large emphasis on key congested areas.

When we first began the program several years ago those in various racing programs were frequent visitors in our Safety Education courses. Word quickly got out that we were serious; especially about speed control on certain runs and intersections. Owing to the efforts of all, last season we had very few individuals from the competition community who attended the education program. We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued cooperation.

Competitors at Mt. Hood Meadows are highly visible and identifiable. Like it or not you are seen as representatives of both the sport and Mt. Hood Meadows by many of our guests. Those of you in the racing community are looked up to by many of our guests and employees. We look to you to set an example of responsible behavior and safety awareness.

We challenge you to be ambassadors for the "Are You Aware?" Program.

Know where the Comfort Zones and Slow Zones are and set the example:

- Obey all posted signs and warnings
- Have an up-right stance
- Look around and be aware of people and obstacles in your general vicinity
- Slow and controlled turns
- Maintain the speed of the general flow of traffic

Know The Code and pass it along.

1. Stay in control
2. People ahead have the right of way
3. Stop in a safe place for you and others
4. When starting downhill or merging look uphill and yield
5. Use devices to help prevent runaway equipment
6. Observe signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails
7. Know how to use the lifts safely

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_