

- 33.1 **SAFETY POLICY CRITERIA:** Safety policies should define unsafe skiing practices and recommend procedures to prevent those practices.
- 33.2 **HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CORRECTION:** Safety programs may include follow-up and analysis of accident records by Patrol personnel and Area Management to identify causes of accidents and recommend practices and policies to reduce the probability of similar accidents in the future.
- 33.3 **SAFETY PROGRAMS:** Region safety programs shall provide educational materials to the Patrol Directors to use in developing programs at their ski areas. These shall include, for example, safe skiing codes, the need for ski lessons, and the benefits of fitness and warming up in preventing injuries.
- 33.4 **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN:** Each Patrol shall prepare an Emergency Plan to handle severe emergencies or disasters at its ski area. This local area Emergency Plan shall be reviewed prior to each skiing season and updated as needed. Crew chiefs and other key Officers in the Patrol will be refreshed annually on the contents and recent changes to the Emergency Plan.³⁷The emergency plan or parts of it should be included in Patrol refreshers and continuing education programs.
- 33.5 **LOCAL SKI SAFETY PROMOTION:** Each Patrol shall have and implement ski safety-promotion programs to include but not be limited to talks to ski area patrons, skiing clubs, schools, or other groups, demonstration of safe practices, and promotion of safe skiing.³⁸

³⁶ *NSP Officer's Handbook*, chapter 18, Skier Education and Public Relations Programs. See especially section 18.4, Accident Prevention

³⁷ Emergency plans include lift evacuation plans, area search plans, and plans for other major emergencies. A model area search plan is published as an appendix in *The NSPS Ski Mountaineering Manual*. When appointed, The Region Safety Advisor can provide models and advice on the preparation of emergency plans. Plans are worthless however, unless the procedures and contacts are current and known by those responsible for the implementation.

³⁸ *The Ski Patroller's Manual*, 13th ed., Chapter 21.