



SAFETY ON THE SLOPES

At Ski Vorlage, we are committed in providing a safe and fun environment for all our clientele and school groups are no exception. We follow industry standard safety guidelines provided by the Quebec Ski Area Association <http://www.maneige.com> , the Ontario Snow Resorts Association www.skiontario.ca and the National Ski Areas Association www.nsaa.org , that are geared towards all alpine activities allowed on our slopes. It is recommended to stay on terrain that is within your ability level and following the Mountain Code of Conduct.

Mountain Code of Conduct

Code adopted under the Act respecting safety in sports

This Code applies to all persons practicing snow sports.

1. Remain in control of your speed and direction. Make sure you can stop and avoid any person or obstacle.
2. Yield the right of way to persons downhill and choose a course that ensures their safety.
3. Stop on a trail only if you are visible from above and if you are not obstructing the trail.
4. Yield the right of way to persons uphill when entering a trail and at intersections.
5. If you are involved in or witness an accident, remain at the scene and identify yourself to a first-aider.
6. Use and wear at all times a proper device to prevent runaway equipment.
7. Keep out of the lifts and trails if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
8. Obey all signs and warnings and never venture off the trails or onto a closed trail.

There are elements of risk that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

Regardless of

how you decide to use the slopes, always show courtesy to others. Observe the code listed above and

share with others the responsibility for a great outdoor experience.

You must obey all other rules and signs pertaining to any particular activity as marked out by the resort.

Know the code. Be safety conscious. It is your responsibility!

Trail Signage

The colored symbols next to the trails are the keys to enjoying your first few days on the slopes. Their shape and color indicate the difficulty of the trail.



Easy



Difficult



Very Difficult



Extremely Difficult



Freestyle Terrain

Chairlift Safety

The website <http://www.kidsonlifts.org> contains FAQ's and safety tips on how to load, ride and unload responsibly, as well as general skiing and riding tips, coloring pages for kids, public service announcements and more.

Slope Usage

During the winter operating season, guests are not allowed to hike, snowshoe or travel uphill on the ski trails. Tobogganing or sliding is also prohibited. This policy protects all skiers and riders. A lift ticket or season pass is required to use the lifts and slopes.

There are nearby hiking trails (some are behind the ski slopes) that are suitable for both winter and summer use. <http://www.wakefieldensemble.org/wakefield-trails.html>

Helmets

We strongly recommend the use of helmets on the slopes to all our customers. For school trips, helmets are mandatory. They can reduce the risk and seriousness of certain head injuries but the best protection is knowing and respecting your limits. The Quebec Ski Resort's Association www.maneige.com offers additional resources to learn about helmets. You can also check out helmet safety at <http://www.myhelmet.ca>

Lesson safety

Vorlage strives to provide a fun yet safe learning experience for students. Our lessons are taught by certified instructors following Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance (CSIA) and Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors (CASI) methods. We also follow safety guidelines outlined by the Ontario Physical Education Safety Association (Ophea) and the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE).

Although the students' ability level has been indicated by the parents and/or students, it is up to Vorlage instructors to ultimately determine if that level is appropriate. An assessment of ability may change the placement of a participant. For returning visits, students should remain in the same group as the previous visit unless instructed to change by a Vorlage instructor. Supervisors/chaperones / volunteers should be available in the recommended ratios (Ophea), especially to assist the students in getting on or off the chairlift for the first few times.

We try to provide lessons for all students at once however it is possible that in the event of a large school group, the beginner and novice students will receive their lessons first and the intermediate and advanced students will receive their lessons after.

Once the lessons are over it is the students responsibility to practice what they learned. Many schools will return to Vorlage for repeat visits with the same students and it is here that progress is truly attained.