

# Avalanche Survival Tips

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## PREPARATION

- Learn how to use the rescue equipment
- Practice using the rescue equipment
- Wear an avalanche rescue beacon that signals your location

## AWARENESS

- Constantly evaluate avalanche conditions.
- Areas with fresh accumulations of wind-driven snow are particularly vulnerable.
- Extremely steep slopes particularly in shaded areas near a ridge are also risky.
- Always travel with a partner. Descend risky areas one by one and watch for avalanche signs.

## WHAT TO DO IF CAUGHT

- If caught in a slide, try to get off the slab or grab a tree.
- If swept away, swim to the surface.

## RESCUE

- Carry a small shovel and a long probe to locate a buried partner.
- Evaluate the avalanche hazard before attempting a rescue.