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SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTITUTE
NEWZEALAND

Alpine Search Methods

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

A large proportion of the NZ backcountry consists of alpine terrain which up to two million people visit every year. Search methods and techniques often require modification to suit this environment and the missing subject. The Alpine Search Methods course is highly customised to meet the needs of alpine rescue teams, ski field staff or SAR teams operating in the alpine environment.

The training will focus on the selection and practical implementation of techniques and methods. The content can be adjusted to suit winter or summer conditions depending on the specific needs of the host organisation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to improve the chance of locating lost subjects in alpine environments by understanding and implementing efficient and effective search methods. Specific objectives will be tailored to suit your organisations requirements, but may include any or all of the following:

- effectively implement a range of search methods in an alpine environment;
- explain and utilise components of Lost Person Behaviour, specific to the alpine zone;
- use tracking skills to identify, interpret, record and communicate human sign in an alpine environment.

COST

This course is user pays, and as such attracts no formal education funding. Contact SARINZ to discuss your training requirements, desired outcomes, dates, timetable and number of participants and we will provide you with a quote specific to your needs.

WHAT NEXT

You need to apply for a place on the course by providing your full legal name, date of birth and contact details (address, phone, email) to your course organiser. They will collate all of the details and forward these to SARINZ.

All course logistics such as accommodation, travel, meals, venue will be arranged by the course organiser.

Course start times will be confirmed by your course instructor.

COURSE PROGRAMME

The workshop can be fully customised to meet your organisations training needs, and as such the timing varies. We recommend approximately 8am until 10pm to accommodate training activities after dark.

You will be notified of the specific timings of your training via email in the weeks prior to the course. The training can occur over as many days as your organisation requires to meet its training objectives.

PRE-REQUISITES

To attend this course you must have the personal skills, clothing and equipment to operate in an alpine environment regardless of the weather and preferably involved in some aspect of Search and Rescue, Alpine Rescue, Ski Patrol or similar.

WHAT TO BRING

For every course:

- Whistle
- Compass
- Pen/Pencil
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (or similar)
- Two torches/lights (ideally 1 headlamp and a bright handheld spot light/torch)
- Sunglasses and/or goggles
- Personal medication/first aid kit
- Suitable footwear for the environment
- Suitable clothing for the environment including warm base layers and full outer shell (wet weather jacket and pants)

Specific items for your course may include:

- Transceivers
- Crampons/Ice Axe
- Skis/Snowboard/Snowshoes

You will be notified of what specific items are required in the weeks prior to your training



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