



HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FATALITY?

Given the complexity of snow, and the vast wilderness areas rapidly accessible by our helicopters, Heli-Skiing remains an art as well as a science. In spite of all of our efforts over more than 41 years, 145,040 skier-weeks and 8.1 million runs, we have suffered 32 fatalities, 23 of them in 9 avalanche accidents.

CAN I BRING MY OWN ABS BALLOON?

The use of ABS avalanche balloons is permitted, but for safety reasons they can't be allowed in the main compartment of the helicopter under any circumstance. All ABS packs must be removed and transported, at the discretion of the guide, in the ski basket, tail boom, or in a netted off jump seat. Regardless of the personal equipment you bring, you will be required to take your turn carrying one of the four guest packs, which contain a shovel, an avalanche probe, a first aid kit and, in one of the packs, a radio.

WHAT IF I HAVE AN ACCIDENT?

Our guides carry their own equipment pack, which enables them to handle most accidents on the spot. Helicopters can usually land close to an injured skier for immediate evacuation and the helicopter is equipped with additional resuscitation and rescue equipment. More equipment is available at remote rescue caches and at the lodge. All staff members are briefed on rescue plans for emergency situations. If evacuation beyond the base lodge is required, the cost is your responsibility; we recommend that you carry insurance for such ambulance service.

DO YOU SUPPLY AVALANCHE TRANSCIVERS?

Yes. Every Heli-Skier must wear our transceiver while skiing, and there will be a mandatory group instruction and practice for all guests in their use before your first run.

CAN I USE MY OWN PERSONAL VHF HANDHELD RADIO?

Guests are welcome to bring their personal radios. However, CMH's operational frequency is restricted to emergency use only. You'll have to have an alternate frequency programmed into your radio if you want to chat with other guests.

CAN I USE MY PERSONAL MUSIC PLAYER?

While personal music players are very portable (and built into jackets and helmets) we must insist that for safety reasons the use of personal music players is not permitted while out skiing. For your safety and that of the others in your group, you must be able to hear your guide at all times.