



EMPLOYEE SAFETY ALERT

Spring Conditions

Spring is officially here! The snow is changing by the hour and creating a non-stop transformation of our hills. As we approach the final days of the season, we cannot forget about protecting ourselves. Having an injury now could lead to a very limited summer.

Below are some of the many challenges we're faced within the spring months. Think about each challenge and share it with your departments.

Snow condition. Know what you're getting yourself into.	Is the snow groomed? Is the snow sun-baked? Is your run on the south or north side of the mountain? Is the snow crusty/chunky? Is the snow wind-blown? Is the snow soft but heavy? Is there fresh snow? Is that fresh snow wet from the warm spring temperatures? What are the differences in the snow from the early morning to the late afternoon? What are the differences in the snow from high terrain to the base? Is the snow fast today? Is the snow slow and sticky today?
Strategy	Think about the best strategy to get through the above snow conditions. Do you need to slow down and use caution, or dig down, power through, and cut through that heavy mound of snow? What is the best and safest way for you to make it down the run successfully?
Run-off	Where is the water flowing? It will ultimately freeze. Beware.
Parking Lots	We're in the freeze/melt cycle. Use caution getting out of your car in the morning or at night.
Walkways and stairs	The snow is melting during the day and freezing at night. Use traction devices if you have them. Use handrails anytime you can.