



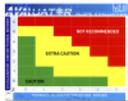
No shovel?



No probe?



No transceiver?



No knowledge?



No go!

Snow safety is an important consideration for backcountry activities including ski touring, splitboarding, snowshoeing, ice climbing, hiking, and mountaineering. All trip coordinators and participants on ACC Vancouver backcountry trips planning to visit locations with any avalanche terrain are strongly recommended to have equivalent knowledge and experience of Avalanche Skills Training 1 (AST-1), as well as functional avalanche safety gear, including the ten essentials plus a shovel, probe and transceiver*.

Trip coordinators should ensure that at least one trip member has AST-1, more than one year of experience and has been mentored by experienced trip leaders before heading out into avalanche terrain.

Recommended avalanche transceivers are digital, multi-antenna transceivers. Analog and single-antenna transceivers are no longer considered acceptable. While digital, two-antenna transceivers are still considered acceptable, three-antenna models are strongly recommended.

In the trip description, include a statement such as: “This trip will travel through or near to terrain that may be exposed to avalanche danger. Trip participants are expected to bring avi gear: transceiver, shovel and probe.”

In addition, trip leaders are strongly recommended to create a trip plan that includes an assessment of avalanche dangers and communicate the plan with their participants. The Avalanche Canada Trip Planning Checklist is a good template, but it is missing a location for the trip participant names and contact information. iCal creates that list of names for you.

* The exception is on beginner friendly trips where training of new members is the primary focus. Those trips should not visit any area with a slope of over 20 degrees or below a steeper area that might avalanche.

Resources

ACC National Transceiver Policy:

https://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/web/ACCMember/Membership/Local_Sections/Section_Trip_Administration/ACCMember/Adventures/Trip_Administration.aspx?hkey=65f48169-5a35-4f85-9854-761847823406

Avalanche Canada Trip Planning Checklist:

https://avalanche.ca/cdn.prismic.io/avalanche%2F83321304-0df8-43ee-84c5-ca69aa33f77e_ast1_tripplanningchecklist.pdf

Essential avalanche safety gear:

<https://www.avalanche.ca/gear>

Gear lists for different types of snow sports:

<https://www.acmg.ca/03public/resources/gearlist.aspx>

AdventureSmart avalanche safety tips:

<https://www.adventuresmart.ca/winter/avalanche.htm>