

Etiquette and Safety Info Package



At Selkirk Tangiers, safety is our top priority. Please read through these tips to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time in the mountains.

- Always listen to the guide's instructions. Don't hesitate to ask for clarification if you are uncertain.
- We are in a remote mountain environment – look out for one another and work as a team.
- When skiing or boarding, choose your own fresh line, but always add your tracks to the left or right of the guide's track (guide will specify these instructions before each run). Always be aware of where you are in relation to your guide's track.
- Give a minimum of 3-5 turns between skiers; your guide may request more space depending upon the situation.
- **NEVER SKI OR BOARD BELOW YOUR GUIDE!**
- Always ski or board with a partner, your mutual safety depends on it. This is especially important in the forest, where snow immersion in tree wells can be a serious hazard.
- Do not use pole straps around your wrists/hands – poles can get snagged within the trees, potentially injuring your arms or shoulders, and can act as anchors if you are caught in an avalanche.
- If you get separated from the rest of the group **REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE**, we will find you. If you keep moving the situation may become worse. In this scenario, if you have a radio please use it to try and get in touch with your guide to let them know where you are.
- **No music devices** will be permitted as they interfere with vital communications with your group and guide (see *Electronics Policy, pg.6*)
- **Cell Phones** must be on airplane mode (see *Electronics Policy, pg.6*)
- **No drugs or alcohol consumption before or during your heli day – strictly enforced.** Breaking this rule will result in you being refused admittance on the helicopter, or an early end to your heli day as you will be flown home early. Please also try to limit consumption the evening before.

Ski Courtesy

- Ski or board into re-grouping/pickup areas slowly and under control.
- Take turns going behind your guide, in the middle of the group, and at the back of the group.
- Always ski & board in control. Most accidents are caused by collisions with other riders or by hitting natural hazards.
- Help other group members if they have fallen and lost skis or equipment.
- When flat areas are encountered, snowboarders have more success traveling near the back of the group where they can ride in tracks made by those in front.
- If a boarder is stuck in a flatter section, skiers please lend a pole or assist with a push or helping hand.

Other

- Be advised that clothing containing **heat reflective linings** have been found to adversely affect avalanche transceiver performance in both transmit and receive modes and are not recommended.
- No items can be left in the helicopter between runs, so always ski or board with whatever you bring.
- After your package is complete, please return your transceiver to the STHS retail shop. Leave demo skis/snowboards in the rack outside where a staff member will collect them.

PLEASE NOTE: STHS reserves the right to remove any guest from their group if the above guidelines are not being complied with!

Please review our safety videos at the following link: www.selkirk-tangiers.com/skiing-with-us/safety

Electronics Policy



Electronic devices, metallic objects, as well as wireless signals have been found to adversely affect avalanche transceiver performance in both transmit and receive modes.

The following is a list of devices which are **PROHIBITED** while skiing with STHS:

Electronics

- Audio listening devices such as ear buds or built-in helmet speakers attached to any portable listening device.
- Electronic devices with **wireless** capability e.g. GoPro Hero3+ and Smith IO Recon Goggles **with** wireless remote control. *Note: goggles and cameras can be used but remote controls for these devices are not permitted in the skiing environment
- Heart rate monitors.
- Wrist watches with GPS capability and/or Bluetooth capability.
- Any **chest-mounted** electronic device e.g. chest-mounted GoPro.
- Any aerial electronic devices e.g. drone cameras

Clothing

- Clothing with large magnetic buttons and/or large metallic belt buckles and adornments near the chest/waist.
- Electrically heated gloves.
- Any electrically heated clothing systems.

The following is a list of devices that **MAY** be taken into the heli skiing environment provided that the device(s) can be guaranteed to remain at least 20cm/8in apart from the Barryvox transceiver at all times:

- Cellular/mobile telephones* (**see note below**)
- Portable radios such as the ones issued by Selkirk Tangiers.
- Personal still picture and motion picture cameras.
- Any metal object including foil wrappers on candy bars and cigarette packages.

In the event of an **avalanche** or lost skier search the following actions must be taken by all persons involved directly in the search:

- **Switch off all** electronic equipment including cameras and cellular telephones.
- Ensure that all metal objects including electronics and cellular telephones remain at least **50cm/20 inches** from the searching Barryvox transceivers.

*A Special Note on Cellular/Mobile Phones

It is important to note that there is no cellular service in our helicopter skiing terrain. Using the phone as a camera is allowed provided the following conditions are met:

- Cell/mobile phones taken into the heli ski environment must be switched to **AIRPLANE MODE** with wifi and blue tooth capability disabled.
- The phone must be kept a minimum **20cm/8in** away from the Barryvox transceiver at all times.