

# 'Safety and security in our resorts'

We aim to provide facilities that are safe for all skiers and snowboarders.

Check the '[Standards on Snow Sport Safety](#)' and '[FIS 10 Rules](#)' to enjoy the ski resort.

[https://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/furano/winter/coursemap/pdf/safety\\_en.pdf](https://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/furano/winter/coursemap/pdf/safety_en.pdf)

<http://www.nikokyo.or.jp/files/libs/147/202103081535242672.pdf>

## Concerning unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) such as drones and radio-controlled aircraft

For the safety and security of all guests and lift operations, the operation of drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles is strictly prohibited within the managed areas of Furano Ski Resort. Please refer to the resort map for detailed information on restricted areas. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

1: For your safety and the safety of others, please strictly observe all "Keep out" signs. Please refer to the area map and course signage. If you see anyone ignoring these signs, please bring it to their attention. Please be aware that entering a restricted area may result in the loss of your lift ticket without compensation.

2: Acting together with companions can help reduce risks. Acting alone could take a long time in discovery and rescue in the event of accidents or injuries. It is advisable to take action with companions whenever possible.

3: The beginner course and slow zone are designated for the safety and priority of beginners. Please maintain a slower speed in these areas. Please refer to the area map for their locations.

4: Skiers on the groomed runs have the right of way at the merging point from ungroomed runs to groomed runs.

5: Be aware that you are skiing in a winter mountain environment and pay attention to changing conditions before each run.

(e.g. course openings and closures, visibility, wind, temperature, snow conditions, and snow depth.)

6: Please be sure to follow all signs on the course and avoid getting too close to lifts, artificial structures, trees, snow mobile and grooming machine.

7: If you witness an accident within the area that requires patrol assistance, please cross

the injured person's skis at the top of the slope and contact the nearest ski resort staff, such as a lift operator.

In some cases, please seek assistance from others to report the incident and provide first aid. Reporting the exact location and nature of the injury as accurately as possible will facilitate a smooth rescue.

8: Please refrain from skiing or riding the lift if your physical abilities are impaired due to alcohol consumption or physical discomfort.

9: If you require a rescue from an area outside the designated ski runs, you may be liable for the rescue costs.

10: If you want to emphasize the formal nature of the rule and provide a comprehensive explanation of the consequences, you could use this option:

If you intend to use the ski lift to exit the ski resort area, please be sure to submit a mountain climbing plan to the patrol headquarters.

You must exit through the designated Backcountry Access Points, (not ski area).

If you exit from anywhere other than the Backcountry Access Points (not ski area), you may be required to return your lift ticket.

Please understand that even if you submit a mountain climbing plan, the ski resort does not assume any responsibility for rescue or search operations. The submission of a plan is merely a preparation to facilitate a smooth response by the police and fire department in the event of an emergency. Of course, you must also understand that you will be responsible for all costs associated with any search and rescue operations.

### **"Weather Conditions**

Winter mountain weather is notoriously fickle, with conditions changing rapidly. To stay warm and comfortable, it's essential to practice layering with clothing that offers excellent waterproofing, wind proofing, and insulation. Cotton kills, so avoid it at all costs. Given the rapid heat loss through the head, feet, and hands, investing in warm wool or fleece beanies, socks, and waterproof gloves is a must."

### **Protect Your Skin and Eyes**

Sunburn and Eye Protection Even on cloudy days, snow surfaces reflect ultraviolet rays, which can harm your eyes. Of course, exposed skin will sunburn, so please protect yourself by applying sunscreen and wearing sunglasses, goggles, and a hat.

### **Food**

Make it a habit to carry snacks. Consuming snacks generates energy and can raise your body temperature. Be sure to eat breakfast, and it's effective to eat slightly more than usual. Avoid consuming alcohol when engaging in sports as it lowers body temperature and

reduces athletic performance.

### **Helmet**

Furano Ski Area utilizes natural terrain, featuring numerous trees and significant changes in slope. Wearing a helmet can significantly reduce the risk of serious head injuries in the event of a fall.

### **Mandatory use of ski brakes and snowboard leash cords**

Without ski brakes or leash cords is extremely dangerous. Please ensure that your equipment is equipped with a flow stopper.

### **Tree Wells**

In most cases, the boundary between ski resort managed areas and non-managed areas is lined with trees. At the base of these trees, naturally occurring depressions known as "tree wells" or "tree wells" are formed by the settling of snow. These tree wells are considered extremely dangerous in snow sports worldwide. Once a person falls into one of these holes, it becomes virtually impossible to move. In fact, the more a person struggles, the more the snow from above collapses into the hole, making it even harder to escape. If a person falls headfirst into a tree well, the consequences can be fatal. To avoid this, please pay attention to the following points.

## **Before venturing into the ungroomed terrain at Furano Ski Resort.**

"The ungroomed areas of Furano Ski Resort offer powder snow and natural terrain for skiing. However, due to the very nature of these areas, we cannot ignore the risks involved. Among these risks are "collisions with trees," "deep snow," "avalanches," "tree wells," "large drops," and "crevasses," any of which can lead to life-threatening situations if not handled correctly. However, these risks can be avoided by simply being "aware" and "cautious."

In recent years, with the boom in ungroomed areas and off-piste skiing (backcountry) in Japan, there has been a surge in avalanche accidents and other mountain incidents. Most of these accidents are caused by human factors, such as misjudgment and lack of skill. These accidents could have been prevented if people had the knowledge to assess snow conditions, terrain, and make appropriate decisions for themselves."

**Furano Ski Resort recommends the following.**

We strongly recommend that everyone purchase ski or snowboard insurance.  
Feel free to ask the patrol about the condition of the ungroomed areas.  
Make sure to study the area map and familiarize yourself with the courses.  
By equipping yourself with a beacon, shovel, and probe, and learning how to use them, you can reduce risks.  
Avoid areas with ropes, no trespassing signs, or bamboo poles.  
Before hitting the slopes, check the weather conditions and be aware of the risk of avalanches.  
Try to avoid skiing or snowboarding alone. It's important to stay within earshot of your companions.  
Deep powder can be fun, but be aware of the risk of suffocation if you fall and think about how you would respond in such a situation.  
Slope Angle: Slopes with an angle of 30 to 40 degrees, which are often the most enjoyable for skiers and snowboarders, are also the most prone to avalanches.  
Terrain Traps: Be cautious of ball slopes, gullies, cornices, cracks, tree wells, and convex terrain.  
Pay attention to changes in snow conditions. Snow that has been transported by the wind or affected by sunlight can have significantly different properties compared to unaffected areas. Always be aware that snow conditions are constantly changing.

## Guidelines for leaving Furano Ski Resort for uncontrolled areas (backcountry)

- To prevent accidents, please use one of the designated access points when leaving a controlled ski area.
- To prevent accidents, please remove your skies when leaving a controlled ski area so as not to leave ski tracks in the snow.
- Be sure to submit a designated mountain climbing report to the nearest patrol station or ticket office

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[https://www.police.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/consult/yama-mail/tozan\\_mail.html](https://www.police.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/consult/yama-mail/tozan_mail.html)

(The mountain climbing registration form for going outside the ski resort is also available at the bottom.)

- Please check you have the gear necessary for backcountry skiing before leaving a controlled ski area.
- Act on your own judgement and with self-responsibility outside of controlled ski areas.
- It is advisable to take a device to measure the latitude and longitude in case of emergency.
- It is advisable to take a communication device (e.g. cell phone, wireless device) in case

of emergency.

· For the latest weather and snowfall conditions, please refer to the Furano Ski Resort Facebook page or other weather information.

<https://www.facebook.com/furanoskiarea>

<https://weathernews.jp/ski/spot/31602/>

· If search-and-rescue operations are conducted in the event of an emergency, the person(s) searched for and rescued will be responsible for all expenses for the search and rescue.

<https://www.princehotels.co.jp/ski/furano/winter/coursemap/pdf/search-and-rescue-costs.pdf>

· In the event of an emergency, inform us of the area through which you exited the controlled area (access point number), your name, phone number, the color of your clothing, current conditions (e.g. got lost, got injured, encountered an avalanche), and the altitude and longitude of your location. We will report to the police and act as instructed by the police.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation to prevent accidents.

\* If you do not follow these rules, we will temporarily confiscate your lift ticket. Furano Ski Resort

## Precautions for Lift Usage (Form 1)

Precautions when using a chair lift

(Form 1)

Your actions are related to the safety of all users of the chair lift.

You have responsibilities and obligations when using a chair lift. Please observe the following.

When getting on a chair lift

1. Please ask for help if you are concerned about using a chair lift.
2. Point your skis or snowboard correctly ahead at the boarding place and stand ready.
3. If you fail to get on a chair lift, quickly get away from it.
4. Skiers should be careful not to bother the persons next to them with ski poles
5. Place your backpack or belongings on your knees, and also be careful about strings attached to clothing and gear.
6. Snowboarders should attach flow stoppers to their snowboards and lean their high backs forward.

During a ride

1. Lower the safety bar and sit back on the chair.
2. Do not do the following while you are on the chair.

- (1) Swinging the chair
  - (2) Jumping off the chair
  - (3) Fooling around or turning around on the chair
  - (4) Touching lift poles, etc. with ski poles
3. Do not jump off the chair if the lift stops.

When getting off a chair lift

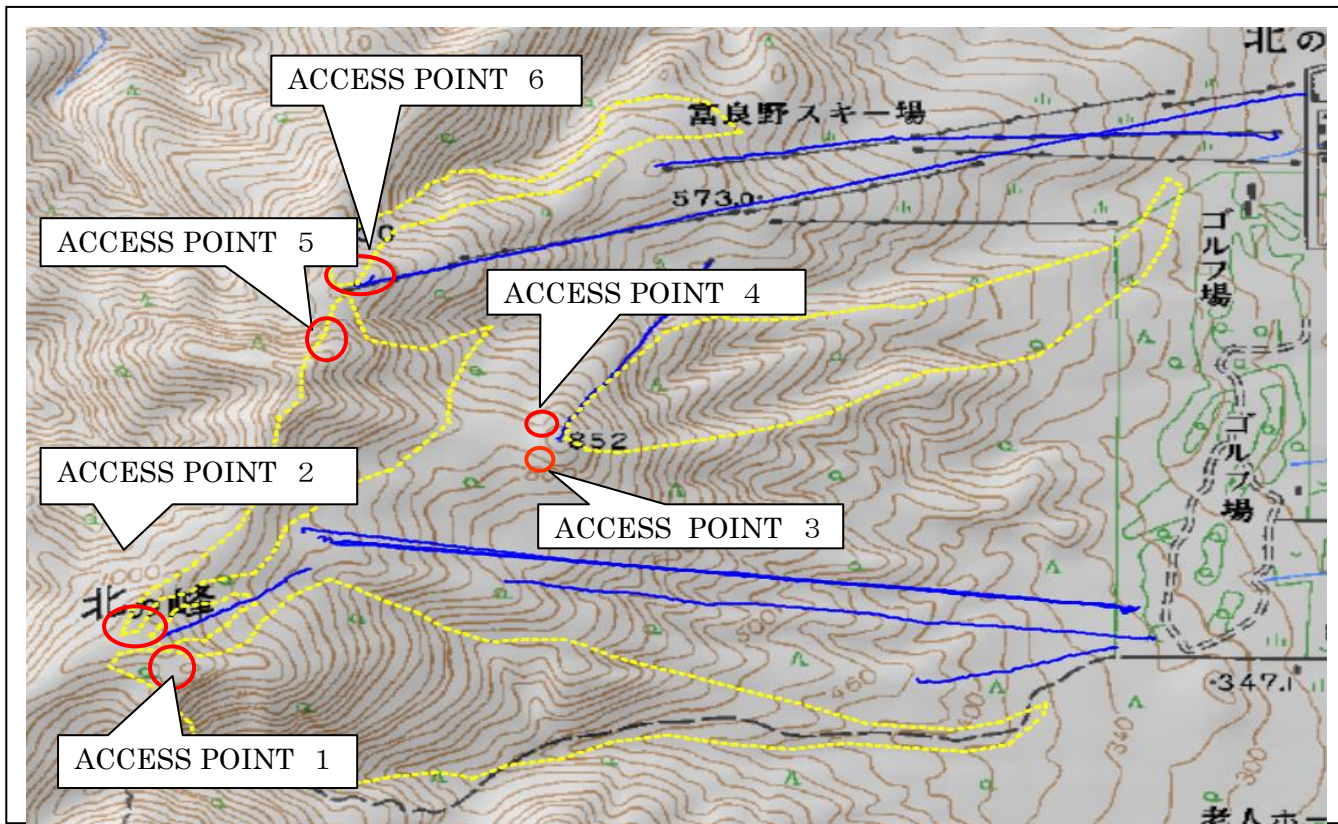
1. Prepare yourself as you approach the place of arrival. After getting off the chair lift, proceed straight ahead.
2. If you fail to get it off, remain on the Chair.

Please follow instructions from staff. FURANO Ski Resort



Date	Schedule (copy is impossible)

**(Planned route)** (copy is impossible) When there is nothing to the following, please attachment of a other map. Separately.



**E q u i p m e n t**

<input type="checkbox"/> snow safety equipment (beacon,shovel,plobe,saw)	equipment color
<input type="checkbox"/> cell phone 【docomo、SB、au、( )】	shelter (bivy) color ( )
<input type="checkbox"/> smart phone 【docomo、SB、au、( )】	backpack color ( )
<input type="checkbox"/> iPhone 【docomo、SB、au、( )】	jacket color ( )
<input type="checkbox"/> amateur radio <input type="checkbox"/> 144 <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Callsign	<input type="checkbox"/> ski or snowboard
<input type="checkbox"/> Bivy Bag or Bivy sack	<input type="checkbox"/> ski skin
<input type="checkbox"/> headlamp, <input type="checkbox"/> stove and Fuel, <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/> snowshoe&pole
<input type="checkbox"/> GPS <input type="checkbox"/> map <input type="checkbox"/> whistle <input type="checkbox"/> extra wear	<input type="checkbox"/> marking tape
<input type="checkbox"/> emergency Provisions Prepared for ( )days	<input type="checkbox"/> ( )
<input type="checkbox"/> helmet <input type="checkbox"/> Tool <input type="checkbox"/> extra Battery <input type="checkbox"/> ropes <input type="checkbox"/> Harness	<input type="checkbox"/>

parking location (Ropeway · new Prince hotel · Gondola · Prince hotel)

vehicle make&model ( ) color ( ) License ( )

**PLEASE READ & SIGN BELOW**

- 1 When there is a rescue and search request, we will use this registration form.  
When you go out of Bounds, please inform your family of your schedule and intended route,
- 2 In the unlikely event of a serious accident occurring Mobile PHONE the police(#110) or (0167-22-0110) for help.
- 3 Inform them of the location, nationality and number of casualties and explain the situation
- 4 I understand self-judgment and self-responsibility, and we intend to Ski of the outside of the boundary line of the Furano ski area
- 5 If a rescue operation is necessary, the injured party will be liable for any costs incurred including the use of commercial helicopters.

**Search and rescue fees are charged.**

Signature of party leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_