



# Alpine Rescue Team

## Wilderness Search & Rescue

If you have a backcountry emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately. Any delay in calling for help greatly increases the size of the search-area and decreases your chances of rescue.

### A Search is an Emergency:

- Lost parties that remain in one spot will be found much faster.
- Every available resource, such as trained search dogs and aircraft, will be utilized when possible. However, they have limitations due to factors such as weather conditions, terrain, and altitude.
- Searching at night is not uncommon. Sounds travel farther and signal lights are easier to spot.
- Areas to be searched are determined by the travel plans, physical ability and experience of the subject, terrain features, past history of the area, statistical probability and theoretical travel distance.
- Who's in charge? By Colorado statute, the county sheriff directs and is responsible for all search and rescue activities.

### Your Rescue Depends upon your Actions:

- The best way to avoid rescue is to be prepared.
- By carrying the ten essentials you will dramatically increase your chances of survival.
- By being aware of your surroundings, you increase your situational awareness and survivability.
- Try not to panic, although it may take several hours, remember that help is on the way.
- Administer any necessary first-aid and keep yourself warm and dry.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Carry a map & compass and know how to use them.
- If you get lost ... stop, and stay where you are. We'll come find you!

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**We're Ready, 24/7**

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