

Checklist for considerations about rescuers safety vs. survival chances of victims

Foreword:				
The most important for the rescue leader is the safety of his team. The principle of having the possibility to resign / step back from the rescue action is very important.				
Rescuers			Victims	
Snow and Weather Conditions:				
Avalanche hazard and other natural hazards	On the site (secondary avalanche?)		Known facts of the avalanche: - Size - Type - Topography - Natural or skier triggered? Duration of burial?	
	On the route			
	On the way back			
Risk and Danger evaluation on a professional level				
Present snow conditions			Probable burial depth?	
Forecasted snow conditions			Number of victims?	
Present weather			Probability of fatal injuries?	
Visibility and darkness			Equipment: -Clothing -Transceiver - Recco - ABS - Avalung	
Forecasted weather condition			Snow quality of the debris	
Human Factor / Involved rescuers				
How many rescuers are really necessary: - on the site - as back up				
How well trained for this rescue is my team?				
Logistics				
Air or terrestrial rescue?				
Accessibility (location and means/equipment)	Far from base? Close to ski resort?			
Personal rescue equipment of each rescuer				
Contingency equipment				
Estimated duration of rescue action				