

# MUST-HAVES for backcountry riding.

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1. Hands-on avalanche course

2. Knowledgeable partner

3. Safety equipment (see below).



**FLOAT 32**  
AVALANCHE AIRBAG

## Avalanche Safety

Transceiver (i.e. Tracker)  
*(on body >8"/20cm from electronics)*  
Avalanche airbag (i.e. Float)  
Shovel  
Probe  
Snow study tools

## Communication/Navigation

Two-way radio (i.e. BC Link)  
Map/Compass/GPS  
Cell phone

## Nutrition

High calorie food  
Water

## Insulation

Extra gloves  
Extra layers

## Sun Protection

High SPF sunscreen  
Lip/nose balm  
Sunglasses  
Hat

## Emergency

Bivy bag/tarp  
Fire starter/lighter  
Survival kit  
First aid/repair kit

## Other

Multi-tool  
Ski straps  
Headlamp  
Extra batteries



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