

# ALL SKI JOCKS!

Courtesy Plus Caution TESTS FOR WARPING  
 Equals Safety

## SKIER'S COURTESY CODE

1. Ski under control at all times. Control means that, no matter what your speed, you are able to avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing downhill and overtaking another skier, you are responsible for avoiding the skier ahead.
3. When approaching a skier on an opposite traverse, always pass on the right.
4. Do not stop in a location which will obstruct a trail, or impede the passage of other skiers. Never stop at a point which is not visible from above.
5. When you enter a trail or slope from the side or intersecting trail check for downhill skiers approaching from above.
6. If you starting a trail it is your responsibility to check for skiers from above.
7. When walking or climbing in a skiing area, keep to the side of the trail or slopes and wear skis at all times.
8. Wear safety straps or other devices to prevent run-away skis.
9. Keep off closed trails and posted areas and observe all traffic signs and other regulations prescribed by the ski area.
10. Always ski within the limitations of your ability. In this way you will avoid accidents which can injure yourself or others.
11. Never ski alone unless you are on a well-travelled trail which is in regular use.

Not many skiers have the nerve, let alone the memory, to go through all of those steps that are generally outlined for examining a pair of skis before buying. In fact, it usually isn't even really necessary.

Most medium- and higher-priced skis are fairly true to specifications and lower-priced skis are, well, lower-priced skis.

The one serious flaw that has been showing up in better skis (possibly because it occurs after the skis have been inspected at the factory) is warping, and this flaw can be annoying to a skier. Fortunately, however, there are some easy tests to expose a warped ski.

floor. Look for a thin streak of light where the tail surfaces are not touching — that's warping.



A very — perhaps the most — convincing test is to hold the skis up against a strong light source. With the tails pinched together, look towards the tips. If the skis are warped, the edges will not be touching all the way across the bottom of the skis. Don't buy that pair under any circumstances.



## Ski Pee

Place the ski bottoms together, tip to tip and tail to tail. Now making sure the tips touch all the way across, hold the skis gently in the middle and look down at the tails. If the tails don't touch all the way across the bottom surface, suspect warping. Wiggle the skis together to see if you can hear a rattle at the top or tail. This, too, indicates warping. Next, right, slip your hands up to the tips, and keeping them together, lift the skis from the

New product introduced by a Calgary firm is called the Ski Pee — and that's exactly what it is. A portable fiberglass toilet facility designed to be placed conveniently anywhere on the mountain. What's more, it's designed so that you don't even have to remove your skis — ski in one end, out the other. Facilities are non-polluting thanks to an adept use of polyethylene containers, and the women's unit even includes a mirror and vanity shelf.



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