

Glacier Travel Rope-Up Decision Making Considerations



ROPE



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Visibility	Poor Visibility	Flat Light	Mixed	Good Definition
Terrain	Many Visible Crevasses	Convolutted Terrain	Some Features	Planer / Concave
Snowpack	Shallow and Weak	Shallow, Strong Winter Snow	Deep, Strong Winter Snow	Deep, Strong Winter Snow
Terrain Knowledge	None	Seen with Deep Snow	Seen with Shallow Snow	Seen Without Snow
Hazard	No Other Hazards	Rope Does not Increase Other Hazards	Rope Slightly Increases Other Hazards	Rope Greatly Increases Other Hazards
Travel	On Foot	Skiing Uphill	Skiing Downhill, Weak Skiers	Skiing Downhill, Strong Skiers