



Extended rules of conduct during rescue helicopter operations in mountainous areas or on ski slopes



If a rescue helicopter is dispatched for an emergency in rough terrain or in mountainous areas, it sometimes can happen that there are several people or groups of people in that specific area. It is often very difficult for the helicopter crew to find the correct location where help is needed. Should the helicopter fly in your direction or if the aircraft starts to hover near or above you, then there is a way to clearly indicate a signal to the crew whether you need help or not:



N "NO" - I don't need help!

Form the letter "N" with one hand down and one hand up. This will signal the helicopter crew: **NO** - No help needed!



Y "YES" - I need help!

Form the letter "Y" with both hands up. This will signal the helicopter crew: **YES** - I need help!



X Observe barriers!

In case of an accident on a ski slope the dangerous area is often demarcated with crossed skis forming an "X"

The barrier is usually already created before the landing of the helicopter. Never enter the closed area. Stay behind the barrier!



A Keep distance!

Keep your distance! Let the medical crew do their work unhindered!

A general rule is to keep a minimum distance to the patient and the aircraft of at least **25 meters**.



P Pay attention to privacy!

Please pay attention to privacy. The creation of videos or photos of the patient or during the recovery of the casualty is **strictly forbidden and will be prosecuted!**

Show civil course. Ask the people who are filming or photographing to stop it.

