

Mountain Rescue Training

New MR Applicants

The following application package includes a brief description of the training program and an application form. Applicants should review the Pre-Requisite Skills list (included) and determine which MR level they best suit. Your application form should reflect your mountaineering and rescue experience as outlined in the Pre-Requisite Skills list. References with contact numbers are required. All applications must have the signature of the training officer or president of their SAR Group to ensure that they authorize your MR training application. If you are a new SAR Volunteer we recommend that you work to complete the pre-requisite GSAR and Rope Rescue (RR) courses immediately in order to demonstrate a commitment to the SAR community.

Do not be overwhelmed by the application, what is being looked for is the applicants mountaineering, climbing and rescue experience. **As we cannot possibly provide all the training and experience in the mountain rescue courses** we want to give credit for you're past training and experience. Remember to list all 3rd, 4th and 5th class hikes, scrambles and climbs that you have done as well as any winter or glacier experience. If you cannot remember exact dates try and put in a month and year. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call the SAR training coordinator at 604 528-5791.

All applications are to be sent to SAR Training at the **JIBC** at 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster, BC V3L 5T4, or by fax 604-528-5798.

After the application deadline the applications will be reviewed by the JIBC, to ensure that the applicant's previous training and experience meet the requirements for the level they are applying for (MR1 or MR2). Mountain Rescue courses will be scheduled and locations chosen as numbers dictate. The candidates will be notified of the locations and dates of the MR courses giving as much notice as possible. Due to limited funding, we cannot guarantee that all courses will be available to new applicants. It may take a couple of years to get through all the courses.

Once certified, the MR trained volunteers will be expected to be available and participate in rescues in their area as needed. As with other SAR calls MR trained volunteers may be called upon to provide mutual aid to other SAR Groups around the province. MR trained volunteers will be expected to maintain their skills through practices. MR trained volunteers must maintain their JIBC Rope Rescue certification, which requires participation in organized practices of at least 20 hrs per year.

We look forward to your application and seeing you in the courses!!!



PEP Search and Rescue Training Application Form

JUSTICE INSTITUTE
of BRITISH COLUMBIA
Emergency Management Division

Course Name:
Course Date and Location:
Your SAR Group: <i>(Please, no abbreviations)</i>

Section A: Applicant Information - For Applicants 16-18 years of age, the Training Officer Must Phone the JI to Discuss.

First Name:	Last Name:	Middle Initial:	Date of Birth:
Mailing Address:		City/Town:	Postal Code:
Phone: Work	Home	Cell/pgr	Fax
Email:	Experience in SAR: _____ Years	Approximate Number of SAR Operations as a Searcher: _____	

Section B: Training Background - Mark the boxes that apply for this specific course.

NOTE: GSAR certification and active membership in a PEP-recognised SAR group are minimum prerequisites for all courses listed below.

Ground Search Team Leader	List Leadership Training and Experience: _____
GSAR Instructor	List Any Instructional Training: _____
Rope Rescue TM Course	Have You Reviewed The Rope Management Chapter in GSAR Manual? <input type="checkbox"/> YES Number of group rope rescue training events participated in or observed: _____
Rope Rescue TM Evaluation	Date of RRTM Course: _____ Log detailing 20+hrs. of practice since course Included with Ap.? <input type="checkbox"/> YES
Rope Rescue TL Course	Date of RRTM Certification: _____
Rope Rescue TL Evaluation	Date of RRTL Course: _____ Log detailing 20+hrs. of practice since course Included with Ap.? <input type="checkbox"/> YES
Track Aware	List Date & Location of any Previous TA Courses: _____
Swiftwater Rescue	Do you already have: <input type="checkbox"/> SSO <input type="checkbox"/> SRT____ If yes, list date & training provider: _____
Organized Avalanche Response TM/TL	Do you have and are skilled with: <input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry Skis <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoes <input type="checkbox"/> Avalanche Skills Training (AST) <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Avalanche Skills Training (AASST) <input type="checkbox"/> CAA Avy 1 Indicate Other Training and Cert. Date: _____
SAR Management	Number of Tasks Assisting or Observing SAR Mgt. Team: _____
SAR Management Recurrency	Number of Tasks as SAR Manager in Last 2 Years: _____ Date of Last Course or Recurrency: _____

Section C: Training Officer / Group President Sign-Off**IMPORTANT**

The Group President or Training Officer of the sponsoring SAR GROUP must nominate all candidates. All candidates from a group must be signed-off by the same person. When several members from a group are nominated please rank each by priority, below, in case there is not enough room for all. Applications are to be forwarded to the Justice Institute of BC prior to the application deadline as stated on the course or evaluation announcement. The event will be cancelled 3 weeks prior to course dates if minimum numbers are not met. Copies of this application may be forwarded to the PEP Regional Manager and Regional SAR Advisory Representative for candidate selection if the course is over subscribed.

Training Officer/President Name _____	_____
Position _____	Signature

	Date

Phone: Work _____	Home _____	PRIORITY #(1,2,...) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
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For all SAR courses please send completed applications to:

Justice Institute of BC
Emergency Management Division
715 McBride Blvd.
New Westminster, BC V3L 5T4

Or fax form to (604) 528-5798

If submitting by email this application must be sent by the training officer or president to sar@jibc.ca

Mountain Rescue Training Program Courses: Pre-Requisite Skills for Mountain Rescue Candidates:

MR Level	Training Component:	Days:
All MR's	Intro to MRTF, MR log book, Leadership Id.& Dev't Process, Responsibility of Students, Evaluation Process, Regional MR Coordinators, TA's	
	First Aid – Hypothermia treatment	0.5
	First Aid – Spinal Immobilization & Patient Packaging	0.5
	Working around Helicopters	0.5
	Hover exits/entries	0.5
	Common courses:	2
MR 1	Traveling in 4th class terrain	2
	Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue	2
	Total MR 1	6
MR 2	Advanced Dual Rope Rescue	2.5
	Alpine Travel and Rescue	2.5
	Companion Rescue	2
	HFRS (HETS) Is an option for MR 2 certified people, teams with operational need	3
	Total MR 2	10
	Evaluation	
MR 1	Evaluation	2
MR 2	Evaluation	3

Pre-requisite Mountaineering Skills and Rescue Experience

Terrain Description:

MR 1	A MR 1 responds to callouts in wilderness terrain and general alpine terrain where technical rock and ice climbing skills are not required. Includes glacier and snow climbing terrain where a rope may be required to protect the team. Includes scrambling terrain where intermediate protection is not required between natural belays. Includes complications of creek crossings, moraines, talus fields, snow slopes and lower-angled rock slabs. The MR 1 initial response team consists of two roped teams of three people each in glaciated and snow climbing terrain. One team of 4-6 persons could respond in non-glaciated terrain.
MR 2	This category includes all the descriptions of the MR1 with the addition of the following. Single pitch lead climbing up to about 5.6 where access to the top of the cliff is not possible, or multi-pitch rock routes up to about 5.6 where climbing techniques are required to access the accident site, excludes ice climbing. MR 2 participates in rescues in high angle rock terrain where the initial response team of three people may have to climb or rappel into the site to secure and evaluate the situation. Alpine, snow and glacier terrain travel and rescue. MR 2 members must be able to proficiently perform companion rescue in any of the above terrain.

Mountaineering Skills:	MR 1	MR 2
Number of years of general mountaineering	6	6
Emphasis on which years?	Last 3 years	Last 3 years
Backpacking trips requiring navigation skills, including white out plans, resections, map reading skills.	✓	✓
Ascents of 10 peaks involving glacier travel, rock ridge and snow- ridge climbing. Climbs will be rated according to the type of peaks in your region (eg., Mt. Matier, Mt. Joffre, Mt. Serratus, Mt. Baker, Rogers Pk, Mt. Bonney, Mt. Athabasca, Mt. Victoria, Mt. Northstar, Mt. Sir Sanford, etc.) – show log book	✓	✓
Any relevant rock climbing experience (experience with belays, anchor, protection placements, rappels and lowers) – show logbook.	✓	
Relevant winter experience (snow-shoeing or ski touring experience), including winter camping skills – show logbook.	✓	
The individual demonstrates a competency with protection, belay, rappel and lowering systems and is capable of climbing to this standard wearing rock shoes or boots on both sport and traditional climbs.		5.8 in shoes & 5.4 in boots
For these climbs record which were led, seconded, completed, aborted, weather conditions, season, rock type (limestone, granite, etc.), bolted, or use of aid techniques.		✓
10 (lead) short routes requiring protection placement to this class of rock.		5.8 in past 3 yrs
Lead sport routes (bolted) in the past year to a 5.10 level.		
Long routes (full day, multi-pitch) requiring the placement of protection and anchor systems (eg. Banana Peel, Diedre, Yellow Brick Road (lower pitches plus 1st 7 pitches), Kahl Wall, Forbidden Corner).		10
Alpine rock routes (Mt. Sir Donald NW arete, Mt. Louis, Mt. Slesse NE ridge).		5
Moderate length mixed alpine routes where crampons were used (Mt. Victoria, Mt. Assiniboine North Ridge, Mt. Waddington, E Ridge of Matier).		5
Alpine ice routes to 50 degrees (example: N face Mt. Athabasca, Kain Face Mt. Robson).		4
Multi-day winter ski-touring trips (or snowshoeing) including winter camping experience.		5
One- to two-day ski touring trips in high alpine glaciated terrain (or snow shoeing).		8
Five-day or longer ski tours, including winter camping experience.		2
Travel on icefields and glaciers in summer conditions.		✓
Intermediate backcountry ski skills in all snow conditions.		✓
Rescue Experience:		
JIBC Rope Rescue.	TM	TL
Improvised rescue skills: crevasse rescue and rock rescue (include rope ascending techniques, and snow anchor belay techniques).	✓	✓
JIBC Organized Avalanche Rescue Team member (OARTM) course, or JIBC OAR Team Leader (OARTL) or Advanced Recreational Course, or CAA level 1.	OARTM or AAST	OARTM + CAA 1 or AAST or OARTL
First Aid requirement (Standard first aid, 8 hrs, required for all levels and advanced levels preferred for MR 2).	✓	✓
GSAR	✓	✓

