

What about Avalanche Flotation Devices, also know as avalanche airbag packs ?

The basic concept behind airbags is simple – the best way to increase a skier’s chance of surviving an avalanche is to prevent burial. Avalanche flotation devices consist of a self-contained balloon system housed within a backpack. If caught in an avalanche, the wearer can deploy the balloon by pulling the activation handle. This will initiate the release of compressed air from the cartridge housed in the backpack, causing the balloon to inflate. The inflated balloon increases the wearer’s volume and size, lessening the chance of burial.

We do not require that you wear an air bag backpack. Use of airbag packs is a decision we leave up to our guests. You may either bring your own along or we can outfit you with one from our fleet of [Mammut Rocker](#) air bag packs, available for rent at a cost of \$35/day.

Please be sure to contact our office to reserve these in advance. You will be briefed on their use prior to going into the field on the day of your trip.

