

The Kachinas, Phoenix, Arizona, have developed an indoctrination course for prospective members to pass before they can join the organization. On all climbs they adhere strictly to a four-point climber's safety code. The Club has also developed a rank system based on attitudes as well as experience: climbers are in a first- and second-class category and in a rope leader and guide category — all of which is designed to insure that proper emphasis will be placed on safety. They maintain for ready use the fully equipped Army field ambulance which was presented to the Kachinas by the Arizona Highway Department several years ago, after the Club effected a night rescue on Camelback Mountain.

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The Mountaineers, Inc., Seattle, Washington, have made great strides: "To prevent mountaineering accidents it is necessary to educate the climbers themselves." This organization has spearheaded the formation of the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council in the State of Washington. The Safety Program described below is worthy of imitation by many other groups. The Mountaineers offer both an elementary and intermediate climbing course every year, at which the latest and safest methods of mountaineering are presented. These courses include field trips, experience climbs, demonstrations and examinations to supplement the classroom lectures and recitation. Self-arrests and crevasse rescue methods are practised on the glaciers of Mt. Ranier and instruction in first aid is included in the course. The Safety Committee has constructed a 15-foot belaying tower on the Club's property at Snoqualmie Pass, where the students may practise stopping a 10-foot fall of the lead man. Ropes and equipment will be tested on the belaying tower to demonstrate the importance of proper use and care of these items, and a physical testing machine is being designed for ropes and other equipment.

A Mountaineer Rescue Patrol has been organized and a small, wallet-sized card bearing a list of the telephone numbers of the members of the rescue party has been distributed among