Staying Happy and Safe on the Slopes

While it may not be the first thing on your mind when you hit the slopes, there is a clear etiquette regarding skiing. Most practiced skiers adhere to it without even noticing. One of our fabulous interns, Cassie, is a passionate skier. She combined her love of skiing and her knowledge of etiquette to bring us this insightful look at best practices for being poilte on the slopes. She's highlighted advice from experts and proivded some of her own tips for staying happy and safe on the slopes.

All around best golden rule

My Dad's number one rule for life in general certainly applies to skiing as well: Be aware of your surroundings! Knowing where you are and who you're around will help you through just about any situation on the mountain.

1. The skier in front has the right of way-This rule is often one of the hardest to adhere to and understand. Though you may be in control while the person in front of you is skiing erratically, it is your responsibility as the skier in back to react to what happens in front of you. In the case of a collision, no matter who cut who off, the skier in back is always the responsible party. www.skiing.com says "Whether you're crossing a trail, making a turn, or stopping, remember that it is *your* responsibility to avoid the skier in front of you."

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And a ski bum's #1 rule

No friends on a powder day!