



# Group-Check-Tool SOCIAL

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# SOCIAL: Key questions

<b>S</b> kills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? What are the skills of the weakest member in the group?</li><li>? Is there a gap in skills between the group members?</li><li>? What are the skills in avalanche safety equipment use?</li></ul>
<b>O</b> rganisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? New or established group?</li><li>? Does the group size fit with the difficulty of the planned trip?</li><li>? Are the roles of the group members clear?</li></ul>
<b>C</b> ommunication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Are decisions concerning avalanche hazard discussed in the group?</li><li>? Does everyone in the group understand the decisions?</li><li>? Would everyone voice his concerns at any time?</li></ul>
<b>I</b> dentification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Are expectations of each of the group members clear?</li><li>? Does a reasonable alternative exist?</li><li>? Is everyone happy with the decisions taken?</li></ul>
<b>A</b> nomalies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Would you make the same decision if you travel alone ?</li><li>? Are heuristic traps present?</li><li>? Are many other groups present?</li></ul>
<b>L</b> eadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>? Does the group have a suited leader?</li><li>? Does he communicate openly and clearly?</li><li>? Is there a bond of trust between the leader and the group members?</li></ul>



# SOCIAL: Action

<b>S</b> kills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Clarify skills of group members</li><li>➤ Adapt the trip</li><li>➤ Train with avalanche safety equipment</li></ul>
<b>O</b> rganisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Round of introductions</li><li>➤ Small group = lower risk</li><li>➤ Clarify roles of group members</li></ul>
<b>C</b> ommunication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Discuss the avalanche danger</li><li>➤ Ask for confirmation</li><li>➤ Ask everyone for concerns</li></ul>
<b>I</b> dentification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Discuss expectations</li><li>➤ Plan alternatives</li><li>➤ Make a de-briefing after the trip</li></ul>
<b>A</b> nomalies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Imagine traveling alone and make decisions accordingly</li><li>➤ Use rule-based tools to check decisions.</li><li>➤ Make defensive decisions in the presence of anomalies that cannot be cured</li></ul>
<b>L</b> eadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Determine a leader</li><li>➤ Ask the leader to explain his decision</li></ul>



# SOCIAL: Short version

<b>S</b> kills	Does the <b>difficulty of the trip</b> match the <b>ability</b> and size of the <b>group</b> ?
<b>O</b> rganisation	Know <b>who is coming</b> and clarify individual roles and relationships.
<b>C</b> ommunication	Communicate <b>openly and clearly</b> . Create a positive feedback culture.
<b>I</b> dentification	Clarify <b>expectations</b> and discuss <b>alternatives</b> .
<b>A</b> nomalies	Would you make the <b>same decision</b> if you were <b>alone</b> ?
<b>L</b> eadership	Be <b>proactive</b> . Address potential challenges before they become problems.

