



The Mountain Safety Information Platform and the British Mountain Guides Association (BMG) is inviting its members and other interested IFMGA Mountain Guides for the Webinar

## **State of the Art in Companion Rescue and First Aid for Avalanche Patients**

*A comprehensive overview of the current search, excavation and first aid strategies in avalanche rescue*

### **When:**

- UK (GMT): Thursday 18. February 7pm
- Western/Eastern Europe & Scandinavia (CET): Thursday 18. February 20:00h
- New Zealand (NZDT): Friday 19. February 8am
- US/CA EST: Thursday 18. February 2pm;
- US/CA MST: Thursday 18. February 12pm,
- US/CA PST: Thursday 18. February 11am,
- US/AK AKST: Thursday 18. February 10am
- Bogotá (GMT-5): Thursday 18. February 2 pm.

### **Topics:**

We will cover everything from group check and simple single burial searches to multiple burial searches based on the marking feature, the concept of the mental map and how to properly recognize when it is necessary to apply an alternative search strategy.

Concerning excavation, we will look into the 2020 version of the Snow Conveyor Belt in its

elementary version for the guests as well as the more advanced techniques for the guides.

As recent research shows, effective first aid starting immediately when head and chest are freed is crucial for the survival chances of the avalanche patient. Based on the AvaLife protocol, you will learn a systematic approach on how to provide "Greatest Good for the Greatest Number" - in the most crucial phase just after the accident, where YOU need to make the best out of the resources you have available within your group before organized rescue will arrive.

Content will be based on MountainSafety.info (MSi), if you are and active instructor of an IFMGA member association, you might want to make sure that you have access to the subscription of your national association so that you may download all the content which will be discussed in the webinar.

**Requirements:**

You will need a computer or tablet with at least a speaker/headphones to follow the webinar. Alternatively, you can use a phone with a large screen.

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**We are looking forward to see you soon online!**

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