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Avalanche Accidents in the United States: 2023-24
by James Frankenfield of the Avalanche Center

Essential Reading for Winter Recreation and Risk Management

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Description: Every year a multitude of people venture out into the snow to go snowshoeing, skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling or climbing. Many are not fully informed of the dangers and the necessary risk management practices. This book, the third in the series, sheds light on last season's fatalities and what went wrong in order to help others learn and improve their own margin of safety.

Fatal Avalanches in the US: 2023-2024 reviews in detail all of the fatal snow avalanches of the season. They are summarized collectively, each is described, and noteworthy factors are discussed. Finally, the common factors and problems behind these tragic events are discussed. This information is invaluable for helping skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, climbers, and others avoid such incidents in the future.

This 3rd edition reviews the 16 avalanche fatalities between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024 in clear terms with simple and clear snowpack diagrams and no technical obfuscation. The focus is on understanding what went wrong and how risk management could have been improved.

“While it remains our right to venture forth into avalanche terrain it also remains our responsibility to manage our own risk, to our own acceptable level. Hopefully these experiences of others will contribute in some way to that.” – *James Frankenfield, Author*

Fatal Avalanches in the US: 2023-2024: A Review of the Season's Fatal Avalanches is a must-have book for anyone recreating outdoors in winter. It can be found on Amazon at
<https://www.amazon.com/Fatal-Avalanches-US-2023-24-Seasons/dp/B0DRNYG2JV/>

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