

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAIN GUIDES
WILLIAMS PEAK YURT EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-GUIDED HUT RENTERS

Non-Guided hut renters are responsible for their own health and safety when renting the Williams Peak Hut. Parties should be aware that organized outside rescue may not be available and that risk management, accident prevention and, if necessary, self-rescue are the responsibility of every ski touring group that utilizes the hut. SMG strongly encourages all hut rental groups to check the daily avalanche advisory (www.sawtoothavalanche.com), make a plan (including emergency response) for objectives and alternatives that are appropriate for the snow stability and avalanche danger, discuss these objectives amongst all tour participants, and make sound travel decisions once in the field.

Communication:

Cell phones with Verizon service are among the best ways to reach outside help. There is adequate coverage along the Fishhook Ridge, from the hut, and generally from any location with reasonable “line of sight” to Stanley. VHF radios are also useful. The amateur radio repeater on Galena Summit, Custer County Sheriff via Basin Butte and the Forest Service via the Horton Peak can all be accessed from many locations around the yurt. Emergency locator devices such as a SPOT or Garmin Inreach are also useful for initiating emergency response. Finally, utilizing FRS radios such as the Motorola Talkabouts between tour group members can be immensely helpful.

Emergency Response:

- For any life-threatening emergency call 911 or reach outside help using any available communication device.
- Emergency equipment at the yurt includes fire extinguishers in each hut, and a backboard and rescue sled (located in the sleeping yurt).
- Other useful phone numbers include (not for convenience calls):
 - Sawtooth Mountain Guides (208) 806-3063
 - Erik Leidecker (208) 720-1823
 - Niels Meyer (773) 396-6101

Coordinates of the Williams Peak Hut:

44 degrees, 09 minutes, 10.8 sec N. Latitude
114 degrees, 58 minutes, 53.13 sec W Longitude
UTM: Zone 11; Easting 661422; Northing 4890848
(USGS Topo Maps 7.5min. Stanley; Stanley Lake, ID)