

STORIES TO TELL

We've all been there, perched forward on the chair, eyes focused forward, and intently listening to someone tell us a personal story as they try to illustrate a point. Perhaps you weren't paying attention before or the points were not making sense until names of places in your community and area came across. Then it was real, "this happened to someone I know! In my area!".

The CAC youth outreach education program is looking for avalanche stories educators can use in their classrooms and youth groups when presenting avalanche education. These stories will be available on the CAC website in the Educator's section and will be distributed to enquiring teachers.

In particular we are after stories about: being caught in an avalanche, being lost overnight in the winter, having to deal with snowmobile breakdowns far back in the backcountry, injuries doing winter activities in the back country and getting to safety, "ducking the ropes" at ski hills and getting lost/injured/avalanched, and all other stories that would be relevant. The story can be told from the rescuer or the victim's point of view. Perhaps you know a youth who has a story to tell; this perspective would be great.

Are you interested in sharing your avalanche story? It will not take much effort!

The Blueprint:

Set the scene: We are looking to have the area the story has taken place in named. This is to connect students with the fact that this happened in THEIR area.

The players: Names of individuals are not needed unless you feel comfortable being named. However, all people who are portrayed in the story (ie it was you and your friends) should feel comfortable having this story out on the web.

Written content: I am looking for a 1-3 pages to describe your story. Feel free to throw in "snow science" words but nothing too crazy technical please. It would also be great to note at the end some "lessons learned" and "In hindsight I would have changed this" from your experience.

Photos: If you have a couple of photos to accompany the story that would be great but not a necessity.

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Thank you very much!