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Hazard	Explanation	People at Risk	Control Measures	Notes
Traffic	Small town, mainly pedestrianised, but some local traffic	Mainly students	Make students aware of pedestrianised areas and the fact that the area outside the hotel is on the edge of this area. Also walking to the Sportscentre and the main lift means they will need to cross quite a busy road	
Altitude	Intermediates can ski on the glacier at over 3000m	Some students	Especially on 1 st days of tour, be vigilant at top of cable car for signs of symptoms of altitude sickness (physical weakness, headache and nausea).	
Avalanche		Everyone	Keep to the marked pistes. Respect avalanche warnings and be vigilant after snowfall or during high winds	
T Bars	Bar swings into waiting people	Everyone	Teach proper use. Inside skier leaves last. Clear exit quickly. Avoid loose clothing and rucksacks as they can catch on the T-bars	
Chairlifts	Falling Off lift	Irresponsible persons	Ensure that safety bars are used properly. Remove rucksacks. Clear exit area quickly	
Lunchtime	Danger around restaurants	Irresponsible students	Ski teachers to hand over control to a designated adult from the school party.	
Losing Students	Student follows wrong turn	Students	Brief all on direction of piste. Stop at every junction and headcount. Teach students to navigate. Have an RV point if split.	
Losing students	Student falls off lift	Students	Fallen students taught to wait at the point of fall. All students taught to wait at the top. Teacher goes up last and brings group to fallen student	
Losing Students at Gerschnialp	Intermediates not to get off ½ way	Students	Only beginners ski here, so ensure intermediates know to stay on the gondola lift all the way to Trubsee	
Inappropriate terrain	Loss of control leading to high speed falls, collisions and loss of confidence	Less skilled student skiers and boarders	Progressions must be very gradual. Check Terrain before taking a group there. A suggested progression follows....	

SUGGESTED PROGRESSION

RUN	COLOUR	LIFT	NOTES
Kloster	Blue	Kids Special	This is the beginners lift in the village behind the monastery
Gerschnialp	2 Blues		<p>The main beginners area. Exit gondola at half-way point and walk to the left and then through the trees to the secluded beginners area</p> <p>Use the left hand lift closest to the restaurant for real beginners. Progress on the right-hand lift, but be careful of the top 20 metres of the descent as this is quite steep, although there is a wide area to ski in</p>
Jochpass to Engstlenalp	2 Blues Standard	10 and 7 5	<p>For beginners to progress off the beginners slope, Jochpass to Engstlenalp provides 2 beginners runs running in narrow gullies. Access; lift to Trubsee; ski down from Trubsee to the Trubsee Hopper chairlift to Alpstubl. The descent to the Trubsee Hopper is quite steep but well groomed, wide and has a good run-out. Use the chair to Jochpass. On the way down the students can use the chair to return to Alpstubl.</p> <p>The long blue standard run can be used to return to the top of Gerschnialp. Unless the students are competent on red runs DO NOT TAKE the group all the way down to the village. Either descend from Gerschnialp to the village or take the gondola back up to Trubsee. The path through the trees has one difficult twisty bend with a small mogul field below it. Skiers falling on the bend are at particular risk of getting hurt by more competent skiers taking the bend fast.</p> <p>N.B Standard is a very flat but very long run. Beginners groups should allow an hour for this run.</p>
Untertrubsee	1 Blue		Before the split to Gerschnialp on the Standard run there is a t bar and blues either side of the t-bar that competent beginners can use. Again this is a quite area for beginners who have moved off the Gerschnialp beginner runs to practise
Jockstock to Jochpass	Reds	9 and 11	For beginners to intermediates the area at Jockstock to Jochpass provides wide but steeper runs. The 6 man chair here is very helpful to speed groups up to Jockstock
Jochpass to Alpstubli	Reds	13/12 and 8	<p>Continuing down to Alpstubl there are some nice reds. This area is not as popular as Stand and Titlis and so again provides good quiter runs for intermediates</p> <p>N.B. DO NOT USE 12 IMMEDIATELY BELOW JOCHPASS TO THE LEFT. THIS IS GRAUSTOCK AND IS A BLACK RUN</p>

Klein Titlis	Reds	1 and 1a	<p>Great wide but steeper runs for intermediates. The snow up here is always exceptional. Gletscherlift is quite a difficult t-bar, whilst the Ice Flyer chair provides a more sedate option. This is the high altitude part of the resort, although it is unlikely that 3000m will affect anyone dramatically, but please be aware of the possibility.</p> <p>N.B. DO NOT BE TEMPTED BY THE VIEW FROM 1A DOWN ROTEGG. IT LOOKS FLAT TO START WITH BUT THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT BLACK WITH A LONG MOGUL FIELD ALMOST ALL THE WAY DOWN TO STAND</p> <p>So return to Stand is via the Rotair cable car</p>
Stand to Trubsee	Reds	2 and 3	Nice steep in parts red runs for intermediate groups. Be careful of the bottom of 2 which has a narrow path leading to the final steep, twisty descent to Trubsee