

However, the oldest organization of its kind in the nation, the Mount Hood ski patrol reported this week to the Oregon state highway commission travel information department that this type of sports travel is becoming safer and safer.

Miss Ethel Fullman, ski patrol first aid chief, reports that chances are less than 1,000 to one that a skier may be injured. Tobogganists have 1.3 chances out of 1,000 for injury producing spills. These figures are based on 315,975 snow sports enthusiasts in Mt. Hood national forest last season.

The ratio is believed to run the same for Oregon's other ski areas scattered throughout the state. Toward the latter part of the season, when only the more experienced skiers are on the slopes, this ratio becomes even smaller. Rate of injuries reaches a climax during Christmas holidays, when more novices than ever are on the ski slopes.

The ski patrol reminds winter sports area visitors to give consideration to high altitude conditions, which sometimes lead to over-exertion, especially in the forenoon just before lunch. Elements of danger exist when persons sit

in closed cars and buses with engines running, some times backing up carbon monoxide in the immediate atmosphere.

First Aid Chief Fullman finds encouragement in the continuing reduction of ski and toboggan accidents even though winter sports are showing marked increase in popularity. She attributes this to increasingly more ski instruc-

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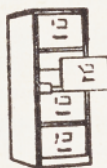
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