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Supervision of autonomous rope teams

The supervision of autonomous rope teams by mountain guides varies from country to country. The following summarises what is valid in Switzerland, Italy and France.

An autonomous rope team refers to a rope team of mountain climbers who are under the direct responsibility and supervision of a mountain guide or a mountain guide aspirant who is not part of the rope team.

In the countries mentioned above, the supervision of autonomous rope teams is allowed under certain conditions.

The following chart should provide an overview:

Country / Region	Conditions
France	The mountain guide is considered an instructor. For this reason, he or she can supervise autonomous rope teams with the aim of instructing them and thereby helping them attain greater autonomy. Clients/students are informed about this and agree to accept the role of the mountain guide.
Switzerland	See France
Aosta Valley (Italy)	The mountain guide can supervise mountain climbers in autonomous rope teams under the same conditions as in Switzerland and France on fully equipped rock routes (exclusively with pins and bolts) as well as on the following routes in glaciated or mixed terrain: Aiguilles Marbrées (A/R normal route or traverse), Cascade de Lillaz.