Alpine Meadows instructor dies before resort opens

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Employees at Alpine Meadows are mourning the loss of one of their own.

Officials said on Saturday Annalise Kjolhede, a ski school instructor, was skiing the mountain before the resort opened when she hit a rock. She suffered serious neck and head injuries and passed away from her injuries on Nov. 13.

Alpine Meadows in a statement said, "...Though she was part of our team but one season, Annalise was a valued member of Alpine Meadows' Kids Ski School. Her outgoing personality, passion for working with kids and friendly nature will be remembered and missed by all of her friends and colleagues here at Squaw and Alpine. Her passing is a tragic loss for our team and community."

Kjolhede was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.