

Letter: Pay attention to overhanging snow

To the community,

After heavy snows this January, Tahoe is experiencing a deep snowpack that has created dangerous overhanging snow on many buildings around the area. If you see large wind lips or cornices hanging off buildings, please stay clear from underneath as they pose a serious danger to life and property.

A collapse of this snow can be very destructive and life threatening. Snow can move and change over time so please keep an eye out and evaluate conditions around you.

Look up! Practice spatial awareness to identify these threats and avoid exposing yourself to risk by traveling around areas of danger.

If you see a dangerous situation, inform your family, friends and community to help keep them safe. If you have concerns about your property, please call a snow removal company and hire a professional to remove the cornice properly.

We live in a winter environment and specific dangers do exist. Be aware of your surroundings and take steps to minimize your exposure to danger by limiting access to fall zones or removing the hazard.

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