



Conditions of Carriage and Guidelines for using the Sonnblick Cable Car

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The cable car to the Sonnblick Observatory is a cable car with a limited public transport defined as a material cableway. It is allowed to transport people who work at the Sonnblick Observatory, do research or have to use the cable car on behalf of the association Sonnblick Verein. In terms of safety, the term material cableway may be misleading to a layman because it is a high-security facility built in 2018 and investing around 100.000€ annually to ensure this safety (maintenance, inspections, etc.).

- Transmission of the conditions and authorizations of journeys through:
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- The transmission of the document can also be made by the cableway manager deputy.
- The use of the cable car is reserved for persons who, in the justified interest of the association Sonnblick Verein, work at the Sonnblick Observatory. There is no obligation to transport.
- Rides are made only after approval.
- Rides must be registered at least one day in advance.
- The orders of the cable car staff must be obeyed.
- Due to the exposure of this cable car, it is still possible that for high wind speeds or avalanche warning levels 4 & 5 planned trips can not be performed for safety reasons.
- The conditions of carriage are part of the contract of carriage. They apply to the transport of persons and property as well as the behavior in the railway sector.
- The fulfillment of the contract of carriage and thus the effectiveness of the present conditions of carriage begins with the arrival and ends with the departure of the cable car operation dedicated to plant components.
- Upon entering the facility, the passenger is aware of and agrees to the following terms.

- **Payload:** *maximum 6 people or maximum 480daN = 489,60kg.*
The passenger is responsible for compliance with the restriction.
- Goods or baggage are accepted only by separate agreement.
- The sender or the consignee must always obtain the loading and unloading of the goods in compliance with and following the instructions of the management and their employees.
- The date of carriage is determined by the cable car company at its own discretion. Carriage will only be initiated if the destination station has made provision for immediate unloading by the consignee after notification by the railway. The consignments are to be accepted by the consignee immediately after their arrival at the destination station. A special notification of the recipient of the arrival of the shipment does not take place. The takeover or unloading of the goods is carried out by the recipient.
- When transporting loads with the load hanger (goods wagon), care must be taken to ensure that the loads do not protrude beyond the limit of the wagon and that free movement is maintained in the longitudinal direction; They are easy to stow and, if necessary, fasten. Long goods transports must be transported and fixed in the holder provided for this purpose.
- Transportation with the load hanger must be registered at least one week in advance.
- The passenger may carry easily portable, non-bulky items up to the total weight of 10 kg in accordance with the space available in the vehicle.

- Animals are admitted for carriage, if safe transport cannot be expected, the keeper will keep the animal safe during transport and will not object to any passengers traveling with him.

- Children over the age of 14 may only be transported if accompanied by a suitable person. An accompanying person is considered to be suitable in particular if she or he can act as a car attendant.
- Swinging and getting up while transportation is prohibited.
- Discarding objects, as well as smoking while driving is prohibited.
- Smoking, swinging, getting up and similar things that could jeopardize safety in the cable car are strictly prohibited.
- Drunks and persons who are not complying with the provisions of these Conditions of Carriage or the orders of the cable car company which have additionally been made to ensure safety and order or are obviously unable to do so due to their particular physical or mental state, are excluded from the carriage.
- In spite of this "pleasant" ascent help the area is still high alpine terrain. Appropriate clothing, shoe material, gloves and hood are also necessary for the use of the cable car. The temperatures near the summit are up to 15 ° less than in the valley station!
- It is requested to follow the radio discipline and to keep the discussions to a minimum. All radio messages begin "radio partners come from radio operators" (for example: "Sonnblick von Talstation kommen") and end with "Ende" (for example: after arrival at valley station, "Wagen ausgeräumt, Ende ")
- The radio is to be switched on, the instructions of the site manager must be obeyed. The largest button on the narrow side of the radio is the talk switch (Attention: No duplex device, i.e. either PHYSICIAN or SPEAK !!!). The upper smaller button triggers a 5-tone signal, which triggers "ringing" at the observatory and basically "announces" a radio conversation.
- If the trip cannot be continued due to a technical defect, this will be reported by the manager. Please keep calm and follow the instructions of the manager. In this case, in addition to a rescue from the air by helicopter, also leaving the cable car by means of descender can also be recommended by the manager.

In that case one takes the safety belts or the mountain triangle out of the safety box within the cable car and the rope within the bag under the seats. Position the abseiling belt (chest and seat belt) while sitting and adjust to the respective size.

After the instruction of the manager or the car attendant, the abseiling can start. The abseiling device has to be fixed on the eyelet within the cable car. The first passenger is roped off in "passive mode" (rope is left in the cable car and braked within the cable car). If the first person is in a safe position on the ground, the rope is raised again. After use, check the appliance for heat, as the appliance is unusable and dangerous when it is warm. Before you abseil yourself, throw the rest rope to the ground and check for any knots. Then start with the self-recovery and follow the instructions of the operating staff on the ground. Care should be taken to ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for the route from the abseil station to the nearest secure location.

- First users of the cable car are accompanied by a car attendant and familiarized with the local conditions.
- Please note that the cable car operates between 08:00am and 08:00pm. If there is a need for operation outside these times, this should be clarified with the observatory management at least one week in advance.
- Persons who damage or contaminate equipment, means of transport or other facilities of the cable car, have to pay the repair or cleaning costs. A deliberate damage is also brought to the display.
- A violation of the conditions of carriage may also result in liability consequences.

