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### Fall on Snow / Ice

Oregon, Mt. Jefferson

**On July 25, an experienced climber from Kennewick, Washington, slipped and fell to his death while traversing a glacier high on the slopes of 10,495-foot Mt. Jefferson (likely on the Whitewater Glacier route).** David Freepons, 68, who had decades of mountaineering experience, fell on the east side of the mountain at about 9,500 feet and hit a rocky outcrop during his slide. Freepons was found deceased by his three fellow climbers about 600 feet downhill from the site of his fall.

#### ANALYSIS

According to one member of the climber's team, Freepons was her climbing mentor and a leader in her mountaineering community. She said the group was properly equipped and had taken appropriate safety precautions. (Source: Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and news reports.)

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