Choose photos carefully

I was quite disturbed to see the picture on page 26 of the February 2000 AAP News. The picture shows an adult accompanying a child on the tow rope of a ski hill. In this picture, neither the child nor the adult is wearing any form of protective head gear. The caption below the picture "it's all downhill after this" may actually be quite true if either of these skiers were to fall and sustain a secondary head injury.

As a practicing pediatrician in Maine and a recent returnee to the sport of downhill skiing, I cannot emphasize the importance of skiers wearing protective head gear. It is my own and my partners' practice to discuss bike and ski helmets with patients and their families.

I hope that in the future, the editors will be more selective in the pictures chosen and portray families practicing the safety measures we preach every day.

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