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The **buddy system** is a procedure in which two people, the buddies, operate together as a single unit so that they are able to monitor and help each other. In adventurous or dangerous activities, where the buddies are often equals, the main benefit of the system is improved safety: each may be able to prevent the other becoming a casualty or rescue the other in a crisis. When this system is used as part of training or the induction of newcomers to an organisation, the less experienced buddy learns more quickly from close and frequent contact with the experienced buddy than when operating alone. This concept is also applicable to minimise tool setup time.

The buddy system is used in:

- The US armed forces, referred to by various names in each branch ("Wingmen" in the Air Force, "Battle Buddies" in the Army, "Shipmates" in the Navy)
- [Scuba diving](#), where it is called [buddy diving](#)
- [Firefighting](#), where it is called the [two-in, two-out](#) principle.
- [Scouting](#).

Other uses of the term:

- In [computing](#), **buddy system** is often used as a synonym for [buddy memory allocation](#).
- The **BUDeSYSTEM** is a [Content management system](#) designed by [The Buddy Group](#).

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