



Adventure & Outdoor Update

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Welcome from TIA and Outdoors NZ

Welcome to the November Adventure & Outdoor Update. We are seeing progress on a number of fronts, including last week's introduction of the new adventure activities regulations and the start of the six-month notification process. Find out what this means for your business plus updates on TIA and Outdoors NZ initiatives in this month's newsletter.

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Regulations and notification

The new regulations governing the commercial adventure tourism and outdoor education sectors came into effect on 1 November. The [adventure activities regulations](#) sit under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992. They require operators "who provide activities that are designed to deliberately expose participants to a managed risk of serious harm" to undergo a safety audit and become registered.

Regulation guidelines

The Department of Labour (DOL) will be releasing guidelines for operators about the regulations in early 2012. The guidelines should help clarify which activities are covered by the regulations.

Notification process

Operators who are affected by the regulations have until 30 April 2012 to notify DOL about their operation. Notification can be done online, via fax or post. Operators who are unsure whether their activity or organisation fits into the scope of the regulations should wait until DOL's guidelines come out. If you are still unsure you should go through the DOL notification process (see above), after which DOL will let you know whether you do or don't need to be registered. [Find out](#) more.

Audit system

DOL will shortly be releasing information about which current audits will be accepted for registration. During 2012 they will advise the future audit standard and recognised audit providers. We will update you as this information becomes available. [Find out](#) more.

More information

For more information on the regulations, notification process or audit system contact DOL Senior Advisor Bryan Williams, email bryan.williams@dol.govt.nz

TIA and Outdoors NZ view of the new regulations

Read what [TIA](#) and [Outdoors NZ](#) had to say about the new regulations when they were announced earlier this year.



Adventure and Outdoor Safety Guide launch

The new adventure operator safety guide is likely to be launched by the Minister of Labour in



early December. Spearheaded by TIA with support from Outdoors NZ and operators, this web-based tool is one of the key actions coming out of the Adventure Tourism Review. Content ranges from advice on regulations and how to meet them to comprehensive advice on creating safety management plans.

This is a practical tool, very much by industry for industry. Thanks to the many operators who have contributed to the content over the past nine months.

The guide will be introduced at the operator workshops (see below). It will be trialled by operators over the summer months, and then following feedback will be refined and released in autumn 2012.



Operator workshops

TIA and Outdoors NZ are running operator workshops in 11 locations throughout New Zealand in November and December, starting in Taupo on 28 November.

The workshop will build on the May/June workshop, and includes a session on the adventure and outdoor safety guide and how this web-based tool can contribute to safety thinking in your business. We will be seeking input on other review work relating to incident reporting and competencies and qualifications. There will also be discussion about the activity specific guidelines. The workshops will provide an opportunity for operators to network and share safety ideas.



Workshop registration is free. We advise you register as soon as possible as space is limited.

[Click here](#) to register and for more information, including dates and locations.

Activity specific guidelines

TIA will start work on activity specific safety guidelines in December. Initially, we'll confirm what already exists, establish what needs updating and identify gaps. To assist with this you can start talking within your sector or contact TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader [Rachael Moore](#), phone 04 495 0817, about your own guideline review or development. We are talking with the DOL about the criteria for selecting the first three activities. We will update operators about the activity specific guidelines at the operator workshops (see above).

2011 Outdoor Forum - hosted by Outdoors NZ

TIA, Outdoors NZ and DOL updated attendees on the Adventure Tourism Review. The presentation was well received and was a valuable opportunity for the tourism and outdoor sectors to connect with each other on the regulations and safety in general.

About 150 delegates attended the two-day forum in Wellington, an annual event for the outdoor community to share knowledge, ideas and discuss important issues and initiatives through workshops, seminars and networking opportunities. Other presenters included Neil McGregor, Human Synergistics, who talked about how successful organisations evolve and adapt to their environments, William Pike, who shared his experiences of being trapped by the 2007 Mt Ruapehu eruption and Jon Kanengeiter, National Outdoor Leadership School, on concepts of leadership. [Click here](#) for more information on the 2011 Outdoor Forum.

Outdoor Excellence Awards

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2011 Outdoor Excellence Awards who were announced at the Outdoor Forum. [See](#) the winners list. Pictured. Supreme Award winner Graeme Dingle and Deb Hurdle of SPARC.



Pre-season safety checklist

TIA has an online practical pre-season safety checklist to help you get ready for the busy summer season. [Read more](#).

Keep up-to-date

The Department of Labour contracted TIA and Outdoors NZ to deliver against five recommendations coming out of the Adventure Tourism Review. Our monthly Adventure & Outdoor Updates will keep you up to date with our progress and will also bring you the latest announcements about the adventure activities regulations and what they mean for your business and sector.

The next Adventure & Outdoor Update is due out in December – make sure you don't miss it. If you aren't on the mailing list [click here](#) to sign up.

We hope to see you at the operator workshops.
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