

# Adventure & Outdoor Update

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## Early audit deadlines

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) is sending registration letters to operators who are required to register early for their safety audit. [Click here](#) to see the early registration schedule.

Operators who provide bridge swinging, canyoning, canyon swinging, coasteering, mountaineering, and snow activities were sent letters requiring them to initiate an audit by 10 August 2013. Those who haven't entered into contracts with approved audit providers have been sent reminder letters highlighting that they're now operating illegally.

If you haven't notified MBIE that you provide adventure activities, you will not have been sent a letter about early registration and you are operating illegally. [Click here](#) to notify.

[Go here](#) for more information on the adventure activities regulations and MBIE updates.



Photo: Shotover Canyon Swing

## Get sorted for your audit NOW!

Other operators have less than a year of 'useful' time before you are required to have an audit and be registered with MBIE. That's allowing for three months of peak season when you will have little time to work on your safety systems. Many of you who are required to register early have much less time.

NZ Parachute Industry Association CEO Keith Gallaher says in the experience of aviation operators, going through a safety audit process can take much longer than expected.

"From our point of view, operators misjudged how much effort it takes to manage the change process when new audits and safety regulations come into place. Some of the requirements need a new way of thinking. In our sector, the operators that managed it well were the ones that got prepared early. Some of those that didn't ended up being grounded for a time."

[Click here](#) for information about the audit standard and contact info for recognised audit providers



Photo: Sky Dive Abel Tasman

## Sole contractors

Outdoors NZ is working with MBIE and the NZ Outdoor Instructors Association to develop a solution that enables sole contractors to achieve registration under the new regulations.

Although it is early in the development process, the signs are encouraging that we will be able to create a suitable framework for sole contractors. The key principle is ensuring that we are all working to the same safety standard.

## Are you ready?

Go to the [safety management systems section](#) on the SupportAdventure website and see if your operation is at or above the industry benchmark.

Check your standard operating procedures against the relevant [Activity Safety Guidelines](#) (ASG). If your activity does not have an ASG, talk with technical experts to ensure that you are operating at industry good practice and that safety information is being shared. Ensure staff are suitably competent and are using nationally recognised qualifications wherever possible.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the [SupportAdventure](#) website and its guidance information please contact Rachael Moore, TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Manager, email [Rachael.moore@tiansz.org.nz](mailto:Rachael.moore@tiansz.org.nz)

## Activity Safety Guidelines – what are they?

ASGs provide recommendations on good practice for managing safety in a particular activity. They focus on managing significant hazards and preventing death or serious harm. They are developed by technical experts with support from MBIE. TIA is managing this project and facilitating the development process.

## How do they fit in?

The safety management system information on the SupportAdventure website gives you guidance for developing your overall safety management system. The ASGs give guidance for developing the standard operating procedures for providing a particular activity.

## ASG development updates:

- Heliski ASG - [online](#) for public consultation until 30 August. Congratulations to the working group for their efforts in creating the guideline.
- ATV (quad bike) ASG - with the support group for comment.
- Abseil ASG - with the support group for comment.
- High wire and high ropes – the working group has had four meetings and content development is well underway.

## Completed ASGS

ASGs have been developed for [canyoning](#), [caving](#) and [climbing on artificial structures](#) (indoor rock climbing).

For more information email [rachael.moore@tiansz.org.nz](mailto:rachael.moore@tiansz.org.nz)



Photo: Adrenalin Forest

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## Certification scheme feedback

Outdoors New Zealand and TIA would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the [Adventure Activities Certification Scheme](#).

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## A new and stronger regulator

A December start-up has been announced for WorkSafe New Zealand, the new government agency responsible for enforcing workplace health and safety regulations - [click here](#) for more information.

WorkSafe will have a larger inspectorate and more consistent practices, including enforcement of the Adventure Activities Regulations. [Click here](#) for information on the regulations and MBIE updates and guidelines.

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## Drugs & alcohol guidance - update

MBIE has released a revised [drugs and alcohol guidance document](#). This guidance is key to helping you manage drug and alcohol related risks in adventure activities.

The updated guide includes a new section under the chart on random drug testing and pre-employment screening. Another significant addition is a section on safety-sensitive tasks. Other small changes include fatigue and post-incident testing.

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## Collaborating on safety

### TIA and ONZ safety management plan workshops

ONZ and TIA will be on the road throughout New Zealand from mid-October to mid-November 2013 running a workshop across 13 centres to assist operators to successfully complete their safety audit.

See workshop dates and locations below. We will bring you more details and registration in the early October issue of Adventure & Outdoor Update and on the TIA, Outdoors NZ and SupportAdventure websites.

### Save the date!

#### October

14	Paihia
15	Auckland
18	Wellington
21	Napier
22	Rotorua
24	Blenheim
25	Nelson
31	Queenstown

#### November

1	Dunedin
4	Christchurch
5	Tekapo
6	Franz Josef
8	Kaikoura

### EOTC provider workshops

Workshops that explore the interface between Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) providers and schools will be run at The World Outdoors Summit in Rotorua, 19-22 November 2013, and at next year's Outdoors NZ Regional Roadshow. Designed for EOTC

providers, the three-hour workshop will develop key messages from the Ministry of Education's [EOTC Guidelines, Bringing the Curriculum Alive](#). It will focus on:

- development of positive relationships with schools to enhance quality outdoor learning experiences for students
- understanding where a provider fits in a school's policies and procedures
- how responsibility for learning and for safety is shared

Further details coming soon, including information on how to arrange for a workshop to come to you.



Photo: EOTC Guidelines

### Outdoor Educators Group

Outdoor education teachers, Whitireia outdoor adventure tutors and Education Outdoors NZ representatives have formed a group to support each other in the delivery of outdoor education. For more info contact Liz Thevenard, EONZ: [jbtruman@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jbtruman@paradise.net.nz), phone 021 0528 205

### The World Outdoors Summit 2013

The World Outdoors Summit 2013, 19 - 22 November 2013, Rotorua Events Centre, is an international conference hosted by Outdoors New Zealand. The theme is the value of the outdoors to society. To get the discount code for TIA and ONZ members email [jaya@outdoorsnz.org.nz](mailto:jaya@outdoorsnz.org.nz). View the programme and register at [www.wos2013.com](http://www.wos2013.com)

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*As we have stressed throughout this A&O Update and in previous issues, it's vital that if you haven't already done so, you start preparing now for your safety audit. As Keith Gallaher pointed out, it is easy to underestimate how long it takes to get sorted and the consequences can potentially be very bad for business. To those of you who peak over winter, we hope you are enjoying a bumper season.*

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