



Adventure & Outdoor Update

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SAFETY SYSTEMS DRIVEN BY SAFETY CULTURE



Message from WorkSafe - Outdoors NZ temporary audit hold

Outdoors NZ has reported to [WorkSafe NZ](#) that it has put a temporary hold on new applications from adventure activity operators for auditing as required under the [Adventure Activities Regulations](#).

WorkSafe NZ is putting several measures in place to support Outdoors NZ, and help it build its capacity at this extremely busy time. [Outdoors NZ](#) plans to review its temporary hold at the beginning of March.

In the meantime, adventure activity operators should continue to work hard on completing their safety management systems and supporting documentation in readiness for [audit](#).

Operators who require further support and advice should contact WorkSafe direct via aao@worksafe.govt.nz.

WorkSafe adventure activities vacancies

WorkSafe NZ's Adventure Activities team is expanding and the organisation is currently recruiting for two fixed term Advisers (Adventure Activities) to be based in Wellington.

These people will play a key role in helping adventure activity operators understand their obligations under the regulations, the audit process and how they can prepare for an audit. WorkSafe is seeking people with safety auditing and sector experience, so they have the knowledge and background to directly help operators prepare their safety management plans and advise on ways to improve safety in advance of an audit.

WorkSafe says these are exciting roles and a chance to help lift the safety standards within the adventure activities sector.

For more information on the roles and application process, please refer to the ad on [WorkSafe NZ's website](#) and [Seek](#).

Audit preparation

Be sure that you are operating at or above good practice.

Check against your [activity safety guideline](#). If your activity doesn't have an ASG:

- Look at the contents page of an existing ASG and check that you have considered and managed each topic as it relates to your activity.
- Talk with technical experts and your peers, carry out reciprocal peer reviews and check any existing guidance material to ensure that you are operating at industry good practice and that safety information is being shared.
- Ensure staff are suitably competent and use nationally recognised qualifications wherever possible.

Safety management plan examples

To prepare your safety management plan documentation, check out the examples on the [Support Adventure website](#), engage a consultant or buddy up with someone who has completed the process to get the benefit of their experience.

More examples needed for SupportAdventure – if you have passed your audit and are willing to share part of your safety management plan, or perhaps a form or checklist you find really useful please email [Rachael Moore](#).

Sole Operators

WorkSafe is still exploring how best to audit sole operators. In the meantime make sure you have your safety management plan in order. Get started now!

Congratulations to registered operators

Congratulations to those operators who have passed their safety audits! There are now around 50 operators on the [WorkSafe register](#) of adventure activity providers.

Spread the word

Some operators are only now realising that they are covered by the regulations and will need to develop a safety plan and have an audit. Please help spread the word and direct people to the [SupportAdventure website](#) for more information.



Photo: Dart River Jet Safaris

Activity Safety Guidelines - updates

- Dive - the second working group meeting was held in Auckland this week.
- Coasteering - the first meeting of the Coasteering ASG working group will be held soon.
- High wire and swing - this ASG has been out for support group feedback and will be online for public consultation soon.

Qualifications

[SportNZ](#) hosted a meeting looking at a single qualification and registration system for outdoor professionals. A large number of stakeholders were present including NZOIA, NZ Rivers Association, NZ Mountain Guides Association, Mountain Safety Council, TIA, ONZ and SkillsActive. Funding pressures, regulation and future employer needs are helping the case for change. The meeting agreed to form a working party chaired by Peter Cammell. It will develop a range of options and recommendations. For more information contact Peter Cammell alpinist@xtra.co.nz

[NZOIA](#) (NZ Outdoor Instructors Association) has been undertaking a review of its qualifications. Cave is the last one to be evaluated, with this review about to commence. If you have an interest in the cave qualifications please contact NZOIA Operations Manager David Mangnall at pdm@nzoia.org.nz

Outdoors NZ welcomes interim CEO - Gareth Moore-Jones

I joined the Outdoors NZ Team late January as the interim CEO with a 14-week brief to review the organisational finances, systems and procedures and make some recommendations for future direction. Many of you will know me from my work in the recreation and outdoor sector, including time as CEO of NZ Recreation Association and over a decade as a recreation planning consultant. I look forward to meeting some of you in the coming weeks.



Collaborating on safety

Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ) is running a series of workshops "Essential Professional Development for Outdoor Education Providers who work with Schools". [Click here](#) for more information.

The NZOIA National Training Symposium will be at St Pauls Collegiate Tihoi Venture School from 24-28 September 2014. The Symposium aims to encourage the continual professional development of 'on-the-ground' instructors and has a practical focus. It is a forum to network, upskill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications. See the [NZOIA website](#) for details.

Get cracking...

For those of you who haven't started the audit and registration process – get cracking now so that you are ready to go when auditing resumes. For those of you who have successfully been audited and registered – fantastic. It would be great if you could give some of your valuable time to help and support your peers get audit ready.

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