



# Adventure & Outdoor Update

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## Audits and registration schedule

Some adventure and outdoor activities are required to be audited and registered before others. [Click here](#) to see the schedule for audit and registration deadlines.

[Click here](#) to find out what you will be audited against.

Check your operation against industry good practice. For each area in the audit standard, go to the [safety management systems section](#) on the SupportAdventure website and ensure that your operation is at or above the industry benchmark.



Photo: Fox Glacier Guiding

Use the [SupportAdventure checklists](#) to look for gaps and strengths in your system. [Click here](#) to see the staff competence checklist. Encourage your staff to share their thoughts on safety and get them to use the checklists.

## Becoming a recognised audit provider

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) will release the draft audit scheme rules for public consultation in early July. There will be an A&O newflash to let you know when this occurs. The audit scheme rules outline the requirements for being an MBIE recognised audit provider for the new adventure activity regulations.

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## Drugs and alcohol policy – do you have one?

You may already have an audited safety plan – but does it have a drugs and alcohol policy? You are now required to have one.

Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism John Key made it very clear at The Great Adventure conference that any errors in drug and alcohol management in our sector will lead to mandatory testing across the sector. You must ensure that you have assessed the risk within your operation and have a policy and procedures in place that suit your business activities.

[Click here](#) to see MBIE's guidance to help you determine the best way to manage drug and alcohol-related safety risks in your organisation.

The graph on page 7 has a range of options to help you manage the drug and alcohol hazard, ranging from a simple policy with no testing to a detailed policy with random testing.

## Maritime NZ - drug & alcohol policy

A reminder to raft and jet boat operators that you are required to have an explicit drugs and alcohol policy in line with [Maritime NZ guidelines](#). If you are unsure what this means for your operation contact Michael-Paul Abbott phone 07 547 4192, [Michael-Paul.Abbott@maritimenz.govt.nz](mailto:Michael-Paul.Abbott@maritimenz.govt.nz)



Photo: Queenstown Rafting

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## Activity Safety Guidelines update

### Heliski

The first draft of the Heliski ASG is almost complete and will be sent to the support group for comment within the next two weeks.

### Climbing on Artificial Structures (Indoor Rock Climbing)

Version 1.1 of the [Climbing on Artificial Structures ASG](#) is online.

### High Wire & High Ropes

High wire and high ropes activities will now be covered within one ASG – development meetings are underway.

### Quad and Abseiling ASGs

Work is continuing on developing ASGs for the quad and abseiling sectors.



Photo: Adrenalin Forest

### Other

If your group doesn't have an ASG or other safety guidelines, talk with your peers to ensure that you are operating at industry good practice and that safety information is being shared. Use suitably competent staff and nationally recognised qualifications wherever possible.

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## Outdoors NZ auditor training workshop

Outdoors NZ was asked by MBIE to host a safety auditor training workshop in Christchurch earlier this week.

The workshop brought together the three agencies recognised by MBIE to audit under the Adventure Activities Regulations - OutdoorsMark, Bureau Veritas, Vertification NZ and their auditors, as well as other key stakeholders such as Maritime NZ and TIA.

The aim was to ensure all auditors clearly understood their role under the new Adventure Activities Regulations. The auditors were also

provided with insight into the regulations and how they align with the Safety Audit Standard, NZ Adventure Activities Certification Scheme and the guidance resources developed for operators.

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## Incident reporting system

The phase two scoping report on a proposed new national Incident Reporting System has been delivered to MBIE. Outdoors NZ will progress this project over the coming year with MBIE and key stakeholders. For more information contact Outdoors New Zealand, email [ce@outdoors.org.nz](mailto:ce@outdoors.org.nz), phone 04 385 7287.

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## Collaborating on safety

### Aviation safety management system consultation

Civil Aviation Authority is running a series of workshops to consult on adopting a mandatory Safety Management System approach within commercial aviation. [Click here](#) for more information and to take part in the consultation.



Skydive Lake Wanaka  
Photo: Jools Hall

### TIA and ONZ safety management plan workshops

TIA and ONZ will run workshops in October and November to help operators prepare for audits by assisting them with developing their safety management plans. We will bring you more information, including dates, venues and registration details in upcoming A&O Updates.

### The World Outdoors Summit 2013

This international conference will be hosted by Outdoors New Zealand in Rotorua, 18 -22 November 2013. The theme is the value of the outdoors to society. To be notified by email as soon as registrations open please email [register@wos2013.com](mailto:register@wos2013.com)

### Whanganui river user group

Consisting of commercial operators in and around the Whanganui River, this group was formed in late March with the assistance of TIA Industry Advocate Evan Freshwater. It aims to align practices on the river and help drive positive safety outcomes.

The group will meet again in July/August. Tongariro user group chair and river operator Stu Barclay is sharing learning from the Tongariro user group. Contact Simon Dixon at Canoe Safaris for more information, phone 06 285 9237.

### New indoor rock climbing qualification

[NZ Outdoor Instructors Association](#) and the indoor rock climbing sector are working together to develop a new qualification for climbing wall supervisors.

### Motorcycle code of practice

Motorcycle Events Association of NZ has developed safety guidance material for their sector. Email [greg@poweradventures.co.nz](mailto:greg@poweradventures.co.nz) for more information



Photo: South Pacific Motorcycle Tours

### ASG - sectors collaborate

Cycle Tour Operators NZ met with Tim Whethy (Roxx Christchurch), a member of the Indoor Rock Climbing ASG working group, to talk about his experience with developing an ASG.

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## International adventure tourism safety standard

OutdoorsMark Programme Manager Garth Gulley has just returned from ISO working group meetings in Portugal where he represented New Zealand in drafting new international adventure tourism safety standards. He will provide an update in the next A & O newsletter.

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It is great to see the amount of collaboration that is starting to take place around safety management, both within sectors and between different sectors such as cycle tours and indoor rock climbing. Strengthening safety within our sector will be to the benefit of everyone involved in this sector – operators, international visitors and Kiwis alike. New [Tourism NZ research](#) highlights the value of adventure tourism, one part of our broader adventure and outdoor industry, to the country, with over half New Zealand's international visitors undertaking some sort of adventure activity.

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