



# Support Adventure News

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The site for adventure operators



## Sign up for your audit now!

Sign up for your audit now – don't wait and get caught out by a backlog of audits. We know from operator and WorkSafe NZ feedback that undertaking an audit usually takes longer than expected!

OutdoorsMark is accepting new audits, go to their [website](#) for contact information. WorkSafe NZ is also working urgently to bring more audit providers on board.

### Outdoors Mark - new owner

OutdoorsMark has been sold by Outdoors New Zealand to Skills Active Aotearoa. [Click here](#) for more information on the sale of OutdoorsMark and Skills Active's plans for its future development.

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## Audit preparation

WorkSafe has employed five safety advisors to help get your safety management plan documentation audit-ready – this service is free and provides one-on-one support. These individuals are from within our sector and many of you will know them or have worked with them before. They are: Aidan Tansell, Ross Morton, James Pinchin, Chris Warburton and Todd Karipa. One more advisor will be joining the team soon.

Please use them to help ensure your audit experience is as time and cost effective as possible. Email [aao@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:aao@worksafe.govt.nz)

### Safety management plan template

A safety management plan (SMP) template is available on the [SupportAdventure website](#) to help operators meet the requirements of the safety audit.

Using the template is optional. Please note it only covers the SMP part of a safety management system, not the safe operating procedures (SOPs). Your SOPs outline how you will actually manage hazards in an activity and contain a lot of the information that your auditor will need to see during an audit. [Click here](#) for guidance on what to include in your SOPs.

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## Are you covered?

If you think you might be covered by the adventure activities regulations but aren't sure read the [guidance material](#).

If you are still not sure contact [aao@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:aao@worksafe.govt.nz) and ask for advice.

It's your responsibility to find out if you are covered by the regulations and if you are, to be audited and registered by 1 November 2014.

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## Technical experts required

WorkSafe NZ is seeking technical experts to help the sector meet the 1 November 2014 audit and registration deadline.

Technical experts assess the technical safety aspects of a particular adventure activity and advise the auditor during an audit. They need to have a high level of competence in one or more adventure activities – for example a holder of a high level qualification such as a NZ Mountain Guides Association or level 2 NZ Outdoor Instructors Association award, or an attestation of skills and knowledge to the same level.

If you meet these requirements and are available to assist with audits please contact WorkSafe at [aao@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:aao@worksafe.govt.nz).

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## New WorkSafe NZ newsletter

WorkSafe NZ has developed a [newsletter](#) to help inform operators about the adventure activity regulations. They are distributing it to operators who have notified they are covered by the regulations. The first newsletter was distributed on 5 May.

We are linking to the WorkSafe newsletter on the [SupportAdventure home page](#).

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## Activity Safety Guideline update

**High wire and swing** – the ASG public consultation has closed and the final version will be online soon. No substantial changes will be made to the final draft so please go ahead and use it with confidence.

**Dive** - three meetings have been held with the dive ASG working group, with the next meeting scheduled for 10 June.



Photo: Adrenalin Forest

**Coasteering** - two meetings have been held with the coasteering ASG working group. A first draft is now with the support group for feedback.

### ASGs under review

Canyoning, Caving and Heliski ASGs are undergoing their first review. People on the development groups have been contacted for input. For more information contact [rachael.moore@tianz.org.nz](mailto:rachael.moore@tianz.org.nz)

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## Maritime NZ - new safety guidelines

Maritime New Zealand has engaged a contractor to revise and finalise its safety guidelines for commercial vessels involved in swimming operations, shark cage diving, high speed/thrill rides and parasailing. Revised drafts of these guidelines were emailed out to operators for comment on Friday 22 May and operators have four weeks to comment. Enquiries about these can be made to David Mulholland at [mulhollandconsulting@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mulhollandconsulting@xtra.co.nz) or on 022 4146600.

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## Qualifications review

Skills Active NZ has announced a sector reference group (SRG) for outdoor recreation, including dive and snowsports. The group will provide Skills Active NZ with strategic advice and direction for qualification development. [Click here](#) to see who is on the SRG and for the latest update from the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TROQ) review.

Skills Active is seeking technical advisers to provide detailed and technical input into the development of qualifications across a number of specialist areas. [Click here](#) for more information and email [troq@skillsactive.org.nz](mailto:troq@skillsactive.org.nz) to register your interest. If you have any queries, please get in touch with the team at [troq@skillsactive.org.nz](mailto:troq@skillsactive.org.nz), phone 0508 475 4557.

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## Collaborating on safety - events

By working together, sharing information and supporting fellow adventure and outdoor operators we will strengthen the whole sector. Consider setting up a group in your area to collaborate constructively or invite other sectors or regions to attend your workshops and events.

[The Great Adventure 2014](#) – a great [programme](#) is in place for The Great Adventure 2014, 19-20 June, Wellington. Speakers will inform you on the latest trends and opportunities affecting the adventure tourism and outdoor sector, as well as breakout sessions to help improve your business capability. This event is an opportunity for the sector's leaders to share experiences, meet and talk with key individuals in the public sector, and gather insight to help build a strong business and a strong sector.



Photo: Destination Queenstown

An **Education Outdoors NZ workshop** for outdoor providers working with schools is on in Christchurch 16 June, 9am – 1pm. [Click here](#) to register for the workshop - Good Practice Guidelines for Providers working with Schools. See the Education Outdoors NZ website at [www.eonz.org.nz](http://www.eonz.org.nz) to keep up to date with the school outdoor space.

The **NZ Outdoor Instructors Association national training symposium** will be at St Pauls Collegiate Tihoi Venture School from 24-28 September 2014. This practical symposium aims to encourage the continual professional development of on-the-ground instructors. It's a forum to network, up skill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications. See the [NZOIA website](#) for details.

The **Whanganui River users group** met in early May. The group discussed operational practices and the Maritime NZ (MNZ) guidelines. The meeting was attended by operators and representatives from the Department of Conservation, Police, Tourism Industry Association NZ and MNZ. For more information contact the group chairman Simon Dickson, [info@canoesafaris.co.nz](mailto:info@canoesafaris.co.nz)

**Tongariro Alpine Crossing tourism operators** met in early May to discuss operational standards and the coming winter season. The meeting was attended by operators and representatives from police, DOC and TIA. For more information email [rachael.moore@tianz.org.nz](mailto:rachael.moore@tianz.org.nz)

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## Five months to go...

If you are covered by the adventure activities regulations you've got five months to get audited and registered. Congratulations to [those who have already completed the process](#). For everyone else, there is plenty of guidance and support available to help you make the 1 November deadline – for a starter, check out [SupportAdventure](#) for advice from your industry peers, and the [WorkSafe NZ website](#), which has lots of guidance tools, and links to their new, free adviser service.

In the meantime, happy winter trading!

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