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## Updated SMP templates

A reminder that the revised safety management plan and risk register templates are available on the [SupportAdventure website](https://supportadventure.co.nz). They will help you address the changes needed under the [Health and Safety legislation](#).

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## Watercraft rental activities

With summer shaping up to be a hot one, it is timely to remember that watercraft rental activities can present a risk to clients. Although the activity falls outside the Adventure Activity Regulations, it still requires managing.

Maritime New Zealand has [useful guidelines](#) to help you know how to manage your rental paddle craft activities. If in doubt about what constitutes good practice, ask an expert for advice.

## **Rafting regulation**

The Government has yet to decide if the rafting regulation will stay with MNZ under Rule 81 or move to WorkSafe NZ under the Adventure Activity Regulations.

As a new Minister of Workplace Relations & Safety, Iain Lees-Galloway, is now overseeing this, we don't expect a decision before the end of the year. In the meantime, Maritime New Zealand will continue to audit rafting companies under Rule 81. Read TIA's 2016 [submission](#) on this issue.

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## **Fatigue management**

As the long hours and busy days of summer roll on, fatigue can become a significant hazard for you and your staff.

There are many factors that could push individuals into a dangerous fatigue state, including:

- driving after a long day of guiding
- performing repetitive but critical safety tasks
- long periods of time in the hot sun or wind
- the ratio of days working to days off

Check you have systems in place by following your [hazard management process](#) to identify where fatigue issues arise and how best to manage them.

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## **ASG reviews**

The High Wire and Swing, All Terrain Vehicles and Dive [Activity Safety Guidelines](#) are currently under review. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. Stu Allan is running the process and is now reviewing your feedback.

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## **Good practice guidelines**

Good Practice Guidelines for activities that don't have ASGs and are not covered by the Adventure Activity Regulations are being developed by NZRA and [Education](#)

Outdoors NZ with the support of the [Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust](#) and TIA. These will be useful for both outdoor professionals and volunteers.

Three draft GPGs are currently out for feedback:

- Flatwater paddling/floating
- Overnight camping
- River swimming/wading

If you are interested in providing feedback on these documents, please email [outdoors@nzrecreation.org.nz](mailto:outdoors@nzrecreation.org.nz)

The next guidelines up for development are likely to be low ropes and flying fox, tramping, and mountain biking.

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## Encourage client safety

### Self-driving

Many of our international clients are self-driving around New Zealand. Please help educate them about safe driving on New Zealand roads. Direct them to the [www.drivesafe.org.nz](http://www.drivesafe.org.nz) website. You and your staff can also check it out for key messages to discuss with clients.

### In the outdoors

Many clients leave our care and go on to explore the outdoors without a guide or instructor. To help ensure they have fun and stay safe after they leave your care, direct them to these [Mountain Safety Council guides](#) to help them plan their trip in the outdoors. Guides have been developed for a range of activities, including day walking, multiday tramping, trail running, mountain biking, hunting, backcountry snowsports and mountaineering.

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## Swiss canyoning qualification

If you or your staff have Swiss canyoning qualifications from the Switzerland Outdoor Association, you can now take a shortened pathway to gaining a NZOIA qualification which is recognised by the New Zealand industry and identified in the Activity Specific Guidelines. Contact [NZOIA](#) for more information

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## Access to public land

NZRA and NZ Alpine Club representatives recently met with senior officials from WorkSafe NZ to discuss concerns around landowners misinterpreting the Health and Safety at Work Act and using it as a reason to deny access to private land.

One example is the closure of the Auckland Grammar School rock climbing crag, which has long been used by recreational climbers and outdoor education groups. WorkSafe has made it clear that the Act is not intended to encroach on recreational activities in any way and that PCBUs (person conducting a business or undertaking) are not required to deny access to recreational users to eliminate all risk.

The challenge for us as a sector and for WorkSafe is to communicate this to landowners and provide the guidance assurance necessary for them to feel comfortable with their health and safety plans. NZRA is meeting with the new Minister of Workplace Relations & Safety and will be discussing this issue.

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## Professional Mountain Bike Assn

A New Zealand Professional Mountain Bike Association has just been formed and aims to support mountain bike tour operators, bike parks, instructors and guides. For more information contact Ashley Peters at [ash@word.org.nz](mailto:ash@word.org.nz).

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## Wishing you a fantastic summer season

All the indicators are pointing to a hot and busy summer. We hope it's a great one for you and your team – happy, safe and prosperous.

Please feel free to contact TIA or NZRA at any time.

Pai hiahia me noho haumaruru (*best wishes and stay safe*)

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