



Adventure & Outdoor Update

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Drugs and alcohol amendment

The [Adventure Activity Regulations](#) will be amended on 15 December 2012 to require adventure activities operators to explicitly manage the potential hazard of drugs and alcohol in their workplaces. Similar amendments to the Maritime and Civil Aviation Rules come into force on the same date.

We will send you an Adventure & Outdoor newsflash when the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment drugs and alcohol guidance document becomes available in December.

TIA projects update

Adventure safety forums

We had a great response to the recent adventure safety forums, with over 120 attendees across the three forums and excellent feedback. There was good discussion on how to recognise a positive safety culture. Developing tools to consciously manage a positive safety culture could be a theme as we move forward with safety as a sector.

Information gathered at the forums on what operators and auditors can do to maximise the value you get out of the audit process will be incorporated into the '[checking your systems](#)' section of the SupportAdventure website and passed to MBIE to help with development and implementation of the new safety audit standard.

This year's forums saw a noticeable increase in the level of understanding around safety systems and the willingness of participants to share information. While the majority of attendees were involved in activities that come under the adventure activities regulations, it was good to also see schools and clubs participating.

Pre-season safety checks

Use the [hazard checklist](#) on the SupportAdventure website to help ensure that your hazard management systems are ready for summer. Your senior staff could use it to help run a pre-season safety check.

Quad bike Activity Safety Guideline

The quad bike Activity Safety Guideline development group will be confirmed shortly. Thanks to everyone who expressed an interest in taking part. This is one of four ASGs we'll be developing over the coming months.



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Outdoors NZ update

Outdoors NZ Forum

Last month's Outdoors NZ Forum in Wellington was very successful, with over 160 delegates and great feedback. The key focus of the conference was to explore the value of the outdoor and adventure sector to New Zealand society. Presentations from the forum will be published in the next [Ki Waho](#), the magazine for the outdoors community.

Outdoor recreation qualifications – review update

Reviewed drafts of qualification pathways and draft graduate profiles for the outdoor recreation sector have been presented to the Targeted Review of Qualifications governance group. A pan sector group for outdoor recreation, snow sport and dive has been set up to reduce overlap and where possible create pathways between the sectors. Working relationships to achieve similar outcomes are also being pursued with other ITOs and non-New Zealand Qualifications Authority qualification providers.

It is now expected that the qualification map and graduate profiles will be finalised by mid-December. It is hoped that work will be shared with the sector in late January 2013.

Safety audit standard consultation

Public consultation on the government's initial [draft safety audit standard](#) for adventure activities closes today at 5pm (Monday 26 November 2012). This standard sets out the requirements for safety management systems for operators that provide adventure activities covered by the regulations.

Recognised safety auditors will use this standard to assess an operator's systems and practices. It aims to ensure that adventure activities conform to legislative obligations, this standard and good practice. Passing a safety audit is required for registration. Operators can also use this standard to assist them in assessing their safety management system and determining their readiness for a safety audit. Audit providers may also choose to use the standard for voluntary audits of activities not covered by the regulations.



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Collaborating on safety

If you have any upcoming training or workshops that you could open up to external attendees let us know and we'll help to spread the word.

An example of recent collaborative workshops was the NZ Rafting Association river rescue workshops in Turangi and Queenstown in November. These were aimed at qualified NZ raft guides but included a three-day training component open to others wanting to learn river rescue skills. For more information contact www.nz-rafting.co.nz



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Happy holidays

This will be our last regular Update before the festive season. We'd like to wish everyone a very happy, safe and busy summer. According to [Niwa forecasts](#), even the weather is coming to the party!

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