

Adventure Activities

A guide to good practice sources

This document provides a guide to written sources of operational good practice information for adventure activities. Written sources of information should be supported by technical expert interpretation in the context of each operation.

Where legislation requires a specific good practice document to be followed, it is a legal requirement to do so. Where good practice information is developed by a regulator, it is expected to be followed or an alternative practice must be justified as being at least as good. All other written sources of information require careful consideration before deciding how much they can be relied on to inform good practice.

Factors to consider include:

- Is it informed by suitable experts and broadly consulted?
- Is it current?
- Do New Zealand operators support the document as representing good practice?
- Does it cover all relevant topics?

Activities without reliable sources of written good practice information rely very heavily on technical experts to represent good practice.

The information in this document is split into two tables: Table 1 for activities with Activity Safety Guidelines (ASGs) and Table 2 for those without. ASGs are considered to be a reliable source of good practice information.

The table provides audit teams, operators, and other interested parties with a list of documented resources of operational good practice for adventure activities. This list is not exhaustive or prescriptive, either in terms of the adventure activities or possible good practice documents.

Some adventure activities need facilities, equipment, or other services. The table does not include references, such as engineering standards, building codes, manufacturers' recommendations and so on, that could be used to assess these elements.

This document will be updated from time to time – check www.supportadventure.co.nz for the latest version.

Note: For information on what constitutes good practice, and on how to use written and verbal sources of good practice information, see *Good Practice for Adventure Activities - a guide for auditors* on www.supportadventure.co.nz and on www.business.govt.nz/worksafe

Table 1: Adventure activities with ASGs

Where there are other relevant sources of good practice written information, they are referred to in each ASG.

Adventure activity	Activity safety guideline (ASG)	Information from a regulator
Abseiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abseiling v2 	
Bridge swinging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Wire and Swing v1.2 	
Canyon swinging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Wire and Swing v1.2 	
Canyoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canyoning v2 	
Caving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caving v2 	
Coasteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coasteering v1 	
Heli-skiing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heli-skiing v1 	
High ropes course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Wire and Swing v1.2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WorkSafe: Zip line attachment safety
High wire crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Wire and Swing v1.2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WorkSafe: Zip line attachment safety
Off-road vehicle driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Terrain Vehicles v1 	
Other climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Climbing and climbing on other artificial structures v2 	
Quad biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Terrain Vehicles v1 	
Scuba diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dive v1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WorkSafe: Guidelines for Occupational Diving 2004
Alpine hiking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpine Hiking v1 	
Zipline (flying fox)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Wire and Swing v1.2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WorkSafe: Zip line attachment safety

Table 2: Adventure activities without ASGs

The titles of guidance documents (guidelines, codes of practice, rules, or standards) do not indicate how reliable the information may be. Consider the factors listed at the beginning of this document when deciding how much to rely on written sources of information.

Although they do not describe good practice, the scope and syllabus of [New Zealand Outdoor Instructor Association](#) (NZOIA) disciplines indicate content areas to consider.

This is not a definitive list of adventure activities that are subject to the Adventure Activities Regulations.

Adventure Activity	Information from a regulator	Column A Information that will most likely be useful to inform good practice	Column B Information that could be useful to inform good practice
Bungy jumping		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Wire and Swing ASG v1.2 • AS/NZS 5848:2000 – Code of practice for bungy jumping 	
Canoeing – open water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Paddle craft rental activities – lakes, flat-water rivers and sheltered coastal areas 2010 • MNZ Revised Draft Safety Guidelines for commercial rental paddle craft operations on the Whanganui River 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Kayaking Operators’ Code of Conduct, Sept 2011 • NZOIA Sea Kayaking assessment guides • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2 • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Canoeing/Kayaking (Sea) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Sit On Top Paddling – British Canoe Union
Canoeing – white water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 • MNZ Revised Draft Safety Guidelines for commercial rental paddle craft operations on the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2 • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZOIA Kayaking assessment guides

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	Whanganui River 2014		
Free diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safety Guidelines for Commercial Vessels Involved in Swimming Operations 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Snorkelling & Wildlife Swims v1.2 • ISO13289: 2011 Recreational diving services – Requirements for the conduct of snorkelling excursions • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dive ASG v1 • ISO24803:2007 Recreational diving services – requirements for recreational scuba diving service providers • AS/NZS 2299.3, section 3
Glacier walking			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpine Hiking ASG v1 • NZOIA Alpine assessment guides
Horse trekking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riding Horses on Farms: Good Practice Guidelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Horse Trail Riding v2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009
Kayaking – open water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Kayaking Operators’ Code of Conduct, Sept 2011 • NZOIA Sea Kayaking assessment guides • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2 • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Canoeing /Kayaking (Sea) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Sit On Top Paddling – British Canoe Union
Kayaking – white water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZOIA Kayaking assessment guides • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, 	

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		Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Canoeing/Kayaking (Whitewater) • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009 	
Kite surfing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 	
Mountain biking – cross country		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Mountain Biking • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Mountain Biking v2 	
Mountain biking – downhill		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009 • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Mountain Biking • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Mountain Biking v2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain biking – health and safety guidance – Education Scotland
Mountaineering		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZOIA Alpine assessment guides • MSC NZ Guidelines & Recording Standards for Weather, Snow-pack & Avalanche Observations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heli-skiing ASG v1
Off-road vehicle driving		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Adventure Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Terrain Vehicle ASG v1

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		Standards – Four Wheel Driving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Four Wheel Driving v2 Automotive Training and Events Association Code of Practice 2012 – contact Shane Cameron: shane@offroadnz.co.nz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Trail Bike Touring Motorcycle Event Association NZ Code of Practice 2013 – contact Greg Power: greg@poweradventures.co.nz
Pack and tube rafting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial white-water-boarding operations 2014 Maritime Rules Part 81: Commercial Rafting Operations Also see Part 81 supporting documents 		
River boarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial white-water-boarding operations 2014 Maritime Rules Part 81: Commercial Rafting Operations Also see Part 81 supporting documents 		
Rock climbing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZOIA Rock Climbing assessment guides Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Rock Climbing Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Rock Climbing v2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Climbing and climbing on other artificial structures ASG v2 Abseiling ASG v2

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Sailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maritime Rules Part 91 Maritime Rules Part 40E MNZ Safer Boating: An Essential Guide 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yachting New Zealand safety regulations of sailing Part 1 2013–2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2
Snorkelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNZ Safety Guidelines for Commercial Vessels Involved in Swimming Operations 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Snorkelling & Wildlife Swims v1.2 Dive training organisation protocols ISO13289: 2011 Recreational diving services – Requirements for the conduct of snorkelling excursions AS/NZS 2299.3:2003 Occupational diving operations – recreational industry diving and snorkelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dive ASG v1
Snow activities, eg avalanche education or snow caving		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSC NZ Guidelines & Recording Standards for Weather, Snow-pack & Avalanche Observations SANZ Ski Area Risk Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heli-skiing ASG v1
Stand up paddleboarding – open water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 MNZ Rule Part 91 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZOIA Sea Kayaking assessment guides Commercial Kayaking Operators’ Code of Conduct, Sept 2011 Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Canoeing/Kayaking Western Australia Adventure Activity

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			Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2
Stand up paddleboarding – white water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maritime Rules Part 81: Commercial Rafting Operations Also see Part 81 supporting documents • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial white-water-boarding operations 2014 • MNZ Safety Guidelines: Commercial Kayaking and Canoeing Operations 2014 • MNZ Revised Draft Safety Guidelines for commercial rental paddle craft operations on the Whanganui River 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards: Canoeing, Kayaking & Sea Kayaking v2 • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Canoeing/Kayaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009 • NZOIA Kayaking assessment guides
Trail biking		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Adventure Activity Standards – Trail Bike Touring • Western Australia Adventure Activity Standards – Trail Bike Touring v2 • Motorcycle event Association NZ Code of Practice 2013 –contact Greg Power: greg@poweradventures.co.nz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Terrain Vehicle ASG v1 • Automotive Training and Events Association Code of Practice 2012 – contact Shane Cameron: shane@offroadnz.co.nz • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009
Windsurfing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNZ Safer Boating: An Essential Guide 2014 • Maritime Rule part 91 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yachting New Zealand safety regulations of sailing Part 1 2013– 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders 2009

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