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SAFETY SYSTEMS DRIVEN BY SAFETY CULTURE



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Get ready for summer

With another busy summer fast approaching, now is the time to check that your safety system meets or exceeds industry good practice and is underpinned by a positive safety culture.

As you move into planning for the peak season, make sure your staff know that operating to your safety system and its operational procedures isn't a goal or best case scenario, it's your bottom line. Your whole team needs to operate to at least that level every day, in every situation, with every group. Here are some ideas on how to make sure that you are set up to succeed:

Checking your system

Running your activity to industry good practice

[Go here](#) to see the benchmark on good practice for specific activities.

Your safety management plan, forms and checklists – are they working for you?

Use the [safety management plan template guide](#) to help you check that you're covering everything you need to and that it's simple and practical. [Go here](#) to see the template itself.

Operational forms and checklists make a huge difference to how easily your system actually works on the day. See [templates](#) of commonly used forms.

Making changes?

Consider if you need to update your safety management plan or written operational procedures.

When you make a change to the way you run your business, always ask these two questions:

- What do I need to update in my system?
- Do I need to let my auditor know?

Build these questions into your system and make sure it's someone's responsibility to ask them. If you're unsure whether you need to let your auditor know about any changes, contact your audit provider and ask for clarification.

Inducting staff

[Check](#) that you are covering everything you need to when you bring new staff on board or existing staff move into new roles

Emergency preparedness

See [tips and suggestions](#) on how to plan and train for emergencies, from an incident during your activity to an accident on the drive there and back.

AdventureMark management change

Stu Allan has accepted the position of AdventureMark General Manager, replacing

Jamie Simpson who will stay involved as an auditor.

We welcome Stu into the role and thank Jamie for his strong contribution to safety in the sector. [Read more](#).

New good practice guidelines

Two new good practice guidelines are now available on the [SupportAdventure website](#):

- [Target shooting](#)
- [Sliding activity](#)

This adds to the existing suite of GPGs: Flatwater floating and paddling; Overnight activities; and Inland waterway swimming activities.

Christian Camping strengthen safety

Christian Camping NZ has developed a team of in-house experts to support their camps manage safety and pass audits. Read more in this [Qualworx article](#).

Qualification opportunities

NZOIA – Mountain Bike 1 Assessment

NZOIA is delivering the first NZQA New Zealand Certificate Outdoor Recreation Mountain Bike Level 5 (Instructing) Assessments in November. There has been a lot of interest in these qualifications and NZOIA pre-assessment training courses are full.

Eight new assessors are ready to bring more qualified instructors and guides into the sector. Spaces are still available on for the Nelson and Rotorua assessments. Go to the [NZOIA calendar](#) and apply now to secure your place on these inaugural events. Contact NZOIA at admin@nzoia.org.nz for syllabus and assessment guides.

Check again!

A final reminder that with busy summer season fast approaching, now is the time for you and your staff to review safety systems to ensure they are effective and reflect learning from your operation and the wider sector.

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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