



The Health and Safety at Work Act

While the new Health & Safety at Work Act doesn't mean a lot of changes for adventure tourism and commercial outdoor activity operators, it does clarify matters that haven't always received sufficient attention.

Stu Allan, Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader outlines some of these matters in his article [You and the HSW Act](#).

For more information and resources to help you understand and comply with the new law, visit the [SupportAdventure](#) and TIA websites.

Health & Safety webinar

[Click here](#) to listen to a recording of New Zealand Recreation Association's recent Health and Safety in Recreation webinar. The webinar provided an opportunity for NZRA members and others from across the outdoor sector to have their questions about the Act answered by WorkSafe NZ and leading public law firm Buddle Findlay. Topics covered ranged from the liability of volunteer boards and committees to the health and safety obligations of landholders to recreational visitors.



Photo: NZRA

Safety systems infographic

This [infographic](#) gives an overview of safety management systems. Use it to help develop and improve your SMS.

The infographic was developed out of TIA's safety culture workshops, held recently across six New Zealand regions. Facilitator Chris Warburton says workshop numbers were up on 2015 and the majority were first-time attendees, highlighting the need for ongoing SMS support.

Technical expert good practice

TIA facilitated workshops in Queenstown and Christchurch for technical experts and auditors. The aim was to build consistency in the auditing of adventure activities by discussing sector good practice – how to determine it, what written sources we should use to measure activities against, and what weight to give the various types of documents.

There will be another workshop at the NZOIA Symposium on 1 October. [Click here](#) to see the documents these workshops are based on.

ASG updates – update your email

TIA recently notified 147 people about the revised Abseiling Activity Safety Guidelines – we had 20 email bounce backs. If you want to be kept up to date with ASG changes, let us know if you change your email contact details.

Send changes and the activities you are interested in to stu.allan@tia.org.nz.

Qualifications update

Outdoor Leadership consultation

Skills Active wants feedback on the new [Outdoor Leadership Qualifications](#) which cover abseil, alpine bush, caving, rafting, river boarding, mountain biking, rock climbing and education outside the classroom. Note: If you are reviewing the alpine qualifications the avalanche prerequisite qualifications have changed. You can view them [here](#).

Have your say and contact [Skills Active](#) if you have any questions.

Qualifications benchmarking

The benchmarking of the New Zealand Outdoor Instructors (NZOIA) qualifications to the Skills Active qualifications has been completed. The opportunity for the holders of NZOIA qualifications to benchmark to the NZQA framework will be released soon.

NZOIA Rock and Wall Climbing review

A routine review of the NZOIA Rock and Wall Climbing qualifications is about to start. It will include consideration of the current Activity Safety Guidelines, TRoQ outcomes, feedback from assessors, technical discoveries and current industry demands. To have input into this review, please contact Penny Holland at admin@nzoia.org.nz.



Photo: Sharon Nicolas

Collaborating on safety

NZ Recreational Dive Group meeting

The next meeting of the New Zealand Recreational Dive Industry Group (NZRDIG) is 8 June. Representing and supporting scuba diving operators throughout the country, NZRDIG was formed recently as a central point of contact and advocate for the sector. Email nzrdig@gmail.com if you have anything you want discussed at the meeting.

Civil Aviation Authority SMS workshops

CAA is running a four-day [Safety Management Systems workshop](#), 28 June – 1 July. This is a hands-on course aimed at aviation safety practitioners involved with developing and implementing an organisation's SMS.



Photo: Totally Tourism

TIA's Discussing Tourism

A reminder that TIA isn't holding a Great Adventure conference this year. Instead, adventure tourism operators are invited to attend TIA's Discussing

Tourism events which will visit six regions during July and August. Each one-day forum is an opportunity to discuss the issues, challenges and opportunities facing tourism organisations as well as connecting local businesses with industry leaders.

Discussing Tourism presents a valuable opportunity for adventure tourism operators – we hope many of you will be able to attend. Registrations will be opening soon. Check the [TIA website](#).

NZ Outdoor Instructors Association

The [NZOIA National Training Symposium](#) is being held at Hillary Outdoors Tongariro, 29 September - 2 October 2016. This event encourages the continual professional development of 'on-the-ground' instructors and has a practical focus. It is a forum to network, upskill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications. Members and non-members are welcome.

Mountain guide training

New Zealand Mountain Guides Association is a member of TIA and a long-standing member of the international guides association. It trains and qualifies guides to work internationally – NZ mountain, trekking, and heliski guides work in Europe, Canada, and the Himalayas, among other places. The *Snow and Ice Guide Training Course* is the entry course for all climbing, ski, and alpine trekking guides. The next course will run from 30 October - 5 November. Applications close 29 August. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mountain biking

TIA facilitated a meeting of Central Otago and Queenstown mountain bike operators recently to discuss safety in their sector. WorkSafe NZ's Aidan Tansell sought feedback on a draft document guiding WorkSafe on which mountain bike operators are subject to the [Adventure Activities Regulations](#). Email [Stu Allan](#) for more information.

MSC 'Make it home' message

Outdoor Safety advocate MSC is promoting a 'Make it home' message to people and groups who recreate in the New Zealand outdoors. If your staff or clients head into the outdoors after spending time with you connect them with MSC #makeithome messaging via the [MSC Facebook page](#).

Tourism info alert service

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's tourism team is starting an email alert service for people who are interested in receiving information about new or important government funding and other initiatives that support the tourism industry.

Click [here](#) to subscribe. This alert service won't replace your subscription to tourism data and research if you already have one. Click [here](#) to subscribe to tourism data and research releases.

TIA name change

Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) is the new identity for New Zealand's peak tourism industry organisation. Formerly known as the Tourism Industry Association New Zealand, TIA's new name is supported by new branding and a [new website](#).



TIA Chief Executive Chris Roberts says the tourism industry has changed and grown considerably in the last few years and the new identity better reflects TIA's role as the voice of New Zealand's tourism industry.

Take advantage of winter

If winter is your 'on' season, make sure you've got your staff roles, responsibilities and inductions sorted.

If winter is your 'down' season, use these quieter months to review and update your safety management systems. Either way, take advantage of the free information and resources available on the [SupportAdventure website](#), the many workshops, forums and events on around the country and of course, you can always contact us for advice or support.

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