



SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT AT WHENUA ITI OUTDOORS

When taking part in an adventure activity, risks are encountered. Whenua Iti manages these risks with the use of highly trained staff that make decisions about acceptable risks, while enabling students to build upon their skills, knowledge, experience, confidence and judgement.

Whenua Iti has extensive Safety and Risk Management policies, procedures and standards. These include (but are not limited to):

- Standards for the maintenance, auditing and retirement of equipment
- A Safety Committee that oversees and governs all safety and risk management practice
- A Safety Committee Duty Officer on duty and contactable at all times
- Tutor Clearance – involving both qualifications and recent currency in pursuits to different grades of technical difficulty. All tutors are qualified in first aid and risk/group management
- Minimum Tutor: Student ratios for different pursuits at different grades
- Course Clearance – for group, pursuit, location and tutor combinations
- Incident and Accident reporting, Safety Audits, Intentions Forms etc
- Risk Analysis and Management Systems Forms (RAMS)
- Emergency Procedures
- Staff Training in all of the above.

In our July 2008 Audit by NZQA we were credited with 100% compliance with the National Quality Assurance Standard 1, which covers safety and risk management. We also meet Ministry of Youth Development audit requirements for safety and risk management, and attained OSH Achiever status during the period that scheme was running.

Detailed policies and forms are available for your perusal on site. However, as there is considerable intellectual property involved, created at some cost to Whenua Iti, we are not able to release copies of these documents to any organisations other than funders and quality assurance bodies.

If you have any further questions, or wish to see the documents, please contact me.

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