



MERC RISK DISCLOSURE

At MERC we believe that Risk is important as it is present in different forms and different places along all of our journeys. Through challenge and exposure to risk, people develop self-efficacy and quality relationships equipping people with vital life skills.

At MERC we conduct adventure activities that can involve the risk of serious harm or death such as drowning or falling from heights. As a registered provider under the Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulation 2016, MERC manages these risks by adhering to the requirements of this Act. This includes undergoing an annual audit from an external provider. MERC delivers activities in line with standard operating procedures that are at or above industry standard. However, MERC cannot absolutely remove all risks from its activities.

Participants must always follow staff instructions and understand that this is critical to their safety and the safety of others. MERC staff are trained to manage all participants and will intervene with any not following instructions.

In signing this disclosure form you have:

- read and understood the above statements
- you give consent for yourself / your child to partake in adventurous activities at MERC
- you permit MERC to obtain relevant medical/behavioral information about you / your child
- you permit MERC staff to administer first aid to you / your child
- you have been given adequate information to sign this consent form.

Participant name: _____

Parent/Guardian/Group Leader name (if and as applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note for Teachers / Group Leaders:

It is necessary that each participant at MERC has a risk disclosure signed on their behalf by a parent / guardian. MERC are able to accept either:

- *This form signed on behalf of each participant by their parent / guardian or;*
- *This form signed by yourself as the teacher / group leader. By signing this yourself you acknowledge that this Risk Disclosure statement has been included in the permission forms sent to parents / guardians and permission has been granted for all participants, and proof of this can be provided upon request.*