

# Visitor safety management on public conservation land and waters

The Visitor Safety Management Policy describes the visitor safety responsibilities of DOC and visitors.

## DOC is responsible for:

- Managing visitor sites to acceptable risk levels for the type of site.
- Identifying significant site-specific hazards at visitor sites and informing visitors about them.
- Communicating the skill level needed for visitors to manage their safety at visitor sites.
- Working with others where appropriate to improve visitor safety management at visitor sites.
- Ensuring visitor infrastructure meets legal requirements.

## Visitors are responsible for:

- Selecting visitor sites that fit their skill level and risk tolerance.
- Having the competence and equipment to manage their safety at the visitor site they select.
- Making risk tolerance decisions, including decisions to go into areas where no visitor infrastructure is provided, or to undertake inherently risky activities.
- Identifying and managing hazards that are commonly encountered in natural areas.
- Applying the the above responsibilities to those under their care.



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