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Risk Management for Outdoor Programs

Course Syllabus

Live Session 1 (45 minutes)

Getting Started

Welcome, Introductions, Orientation to Curriculum, Logistics

Textbook Readings

Independent Work 1 (approx. 10 hours)

General Concepts

Introductory Concepts in Risk Management

Chapter 1

Approaches to Risk Management: Risk Domains

Chapter 2

Approaches to Risk Management: Instruments, Plans

Approaches to Risk Management: Risk Assessments, Safety Thinking

Standards

Chapter 3

Laws

Chapter 4

Risk Domains

Risk Domains: Introduction

Safety Culture

Chapter 5

Safety Culture Survey

Live Session 2 (90 minutes)

Structured Q&A

Participant Presentations: Self-Evaluation of Risk Management: Standards & Laws

Independent Work 2 (approx. 10 hours)

Human Factors in Incident Causation

Chap. Section 7.6

Case Study: Ski Trip

Provider Selection

Chapter 10

Scenarios

Live Session 3 (90 minutes)

Structured Q&A

Participant Presentations: Self-Evaluation of Risk Management in RM Domains

Independent Work 3 (approx. 10 hours)

Risk Management Instruments

Risk Management Instruments: Introduction

Incident Reporting

Chapter 15

Systems Thinking

Chapter 23

Case Study: Mangatepopo Gorge Incident	
Incident Management	Chapter 14
Emergency Response Scenario	
Media Relations	Chapter 20
Case Study: Media Relations	
Documentation	Chapter 21

Live Session 4 (90 minutes)

- Participant Presentations: Self-Evaluation of Risk Management with RM Instruments
- Risk Decisions Role Play
- Electives

Independent Work 4 (approx. 10 hours)

Synthesis

- Risk Management Plan: Introduction
- Risk Management Plan Outline
- Strategic Improvement Plan

Optional readings:
Remaining chapters
(6, 7.1-7.5, 8-9,
11-13, 16-19)

Final Exam

Live Session 5 (90 minutes)

- Structured Q&A
- Risk Management Review activity
- Participant Presentation: Strategic Improvement Plan for Your Organization
- Closure

Actual course schedule may vary
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