

New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Assn.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

NZOIA believes that professional integrity is the cornerstone of an instructor's credibility.

As a NZOIA member you have a responsibility:-

1. To promote the highest standards of outdoor instruction.
2. To take all reasonable steps to safeguard the safety of clients.
3. To balance opportunities and dangers associated with hazardous activities in order to develop effective and responsible strategies for the management of risk.
4. To use clear and understandable language to tell clients about the risks related to the activities.
5. To encourage and support clients in the outdoors but never force them to do an activity which they obviously don't want to do, unless non compliance poses a risk to themselves or others.
6. To recognise the values that exist in all cultures and encourage others to appreciate that diversity too.
7. To respect the confidentiality of private information shared by clients unless the chance of harm to others is revealed.
8. To respect environmental resources and do everything you can to ensure they are maintained for future generations.
9. To be aware and considerate of other recreational users and colleagues.
10. To alert organisations and individuals when unsafe practices are noticed that could cause injury to others and if necessary take direct action to protect the public from imminent danger.
11. To support other colleagues in the profession who are also abiding by this code.
12. To refuse to follow any request or policy which directly compromises client safety.
13. To accept responsibility only on the basis of current competence and refuse work which is outside your level of competence particularly when the physical or psychological safety of others is involved.
14. To clarify between statements made as a private individual and those made as a representative of NZOIA or the employing organisation.
15. To be a current and active member of NZOIA if using a NZOIA qualification in promotional material or as a professional credential
16. To maintain high standards of professional practice by contributing time and professional expertise to activities that promote the value, integrity, and competence of the outdoor education profession.
17. To contribute freely to the knowledge base of outdoor instruction by sharing knowledge at conferences or in newsletters and journals.
18. To help in times of public emergencies by offering leadership and technical skills.