

Akaroa Kayaks Risk Disclosure Statement

Sea kayaking is an outdoor pursuit involving inherent risks. Akaroa Kayaks manages risks by adopting industry accepted practices and by operating within the standards outlined in our audited Safety Management System and our Standard Operating Procedures. While we strive to take all practicable steps to manage risks to an acceptable level, participants choosing to undertake guided sea kayak trips acknowledge that a degree of risk will remain, and that by signing the waiver form below participants accept the risks involved.

Acknowledgement of Risk

- Risks involved with sea kayaking may include drowning, hypothermia, heat stroke, exhaustion, sea sickness and soreness/stiffness in muscles..
- I agree to listen to and act upon any instruction provided by Akaroa Kayaks staff members. This will include both a pre-trip safety briefing and any instructions given throughout the trip. I accept that the trip leader has the right to end a trip early, or cancel a trip outright, if participants are deemed to be negligent towards staff members' instructions or if a participants behaviour is judged to be compromising the safety of the activity.
- I give Akaroa Kayaks staff members consent to administer medical treatment in an emergency situation. I declare that I have disclosed any personal medical conditions in the space provided below.
- I accept that the trip leader (Akaroa Kayaks guide) has the right to cancel a trip at his/her own discretion. This decision may be based on current or anticipated environmental conditions, and/or judgements made on the ability of the participant(s) to manage the risks associated with the trip (judgements may be based on experience level, language/communication barriers, medical conditions and/or physical fitness).

I understand there are risks involved in this sea kayak trip, and choose to undertake the activity on my own accord. I acknowledge that Akaroa Kayaks manage risks in accordance with New Zealand health and safety law, however I also understand that undertaking a recreational activity on the ocean takes on a level of unpredictability, both from environmental forces (weather and sea state) and from human effects (over-estimating fitness and ability, unforeseen medical conditions etc.).

Adults will sign on behalf of minors (under 18 years) after discussing the risks involved with this activity.

