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The Professionals' Association

Information about the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK Form

Whether a professional organization, a school, a group of friends or a relative, it is your responsibility to choose a competent, reliable and trustworthy service provider offering Adventure Tourism and Ecotourism activities of superior quality. In this sector in full expansion, various entrepreneurs, taking advantage of the lack of any legal structure, improvise and offer a myriad of outdoor activities, each more exciting than the other. We realize that, in this context, making the right choice can be, at times, somewhat difficult.

The Aventure Écotourisme Québec (AEQ) Association regroups professional firms operating in this sector of activity. Its members adhere to a comprehensive Safety Code and to a rigorous Code of Ethics. Furthermore, their guides are all professionals trained in First Aid and CPR and certified within their own speciality. Our members offer equipments of high quality that meet Canadian Standards, recognized guide supervisory ratios and environmentally friendly practices and standards that exceed established rules and regulations.

One of the important measures adopted by the Association is the one that requires each participant to sign an Acknowledgement and Assumption of risk Form prior to departure on their chosen activity. This Form explains in detail the activity, the conditions that apply and the risks inherent to the activity. By inherent risk, it is understood that this includes all the risks that are generally known and foreseeable during the practice of an activity. The member firms of the AEQ are well aware that these risks exist and have taken all necessary precautions to manage them effectively. Furthermore, the member firms agree to inform all participants about the security measures and the procedures that they have adopted and put in place.

In collaboration with insurance broker *Essor Insurance*, the AEQ has put in place, exclusively for its members, a liability insurance program with \$2 to \$5 million coverage, a sum that covers all the activities of a firm. This coverage, which constitutes a serious commitment on the part of the service provider, ensures that member firms will live up to their responsibility as far as their customers are concerned. In order to validate this insurance policy, the service provider who is a member of the Association **must have each customer sign** an approved Acknowledgement and Assumption of risk Form before the start of the activity. The objective of this procedure, an integral part of a professional safety commitment, is to meet all legal obligations. However, the signing of such a document does not entail renunciation of any remedy a participant may institute.

Entrusting the organization of your next outdoor excursion to a member of Aventure Écotourisme Québec is to make a well-informed decision. Look for our logo, our pledge of excellence and professionalism.

For more information on the AEQ or on a member firm, please call us directly.



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