# **RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL**

## for Off-Campus Activities Involving Students

The below activity descriptions should be considered by a Group Leader to assist in the determination of the risk level assigned to an off-campus activity involving students.

#### Assigned Risk Level - LOW RISK - activities include but are not limited to:

• Exposure to hazards <u>no</u> greater than those typically encountered in regular travel to/from campus and in experiences on campus. *E.g. attend a local conference, workshop, museum, mall, academic institution, library, arts performance, spectator event, etc., with no significant health/safety risks, no alcohol, no overnight stays, and no common vulnerability within the participant group that may elevate the risk.* 

### **O** Assigned Risk Level - MEDIUM RISK - activities include but are not limited to:

- Overnight stays in locations where Government of Canada Travel Advice & Advisories indicates "Exercise Normal Security Precautions".
- Higher level of risk than typically encountered in College campus setting.
- Common recreational activities, typically requiring low skill level to participate, *e.g. cycling, skating,* including those in/on/near bodies of water. *e.g. swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding etc., hiking marked trails, etc.*
- Exposure to wilderness/wildlife.
- Involves construction site, mechanical plant, or exposure to chemical/biological hazards.
- Consumption of alcohol and/or its promotion is a component of the activity.
- Potential for exposure to aggressive persons.
- Risks readily mitigated through orientation, safety demonstration, use of certified guides and/or use of personal protective equipment. e.g. helmets, life jackets, high visibility vests etc.

#### **O** Assigned Risk Level - HIGH RISK - activities include but are not limited to:

- Locations where Government of Canada Travel Advice & Advisories indicates "Exercise a High Degree of Caution".
- Exposure to high altitudes, cliffs, potential for falls greater than 10', extreme terrain, extreme weather &/or surf conditions, personal watercraft. *e.g. kayak, ATVs, motorcycles, scooters, horses etc.*
- Exposure to hazards significantly greater than those encountered in everyday living but which can be minimized through planning, training, standard operating procedures, etc. e.g. conducting field research/studies in isolated or remote areas.

### Signed Risk Level - EXTREME RISK - activities include but are not limited to:

- Locations where Canada Travel Advice & Advisories indicates "Avoid all Travel/Avoid Non-Essential Travel".
- Hazardous activities with a high probability of serious injury or death. *e.g. entering a war zone or serious contagious disease hotspot.*
- Activities with high levels of imminent and inherent danger, *e.g. extreme/adrenaline sports (bungee jumping, ice climbing, rock climbing, trampoline activities, snowmobiling, sea-doo, whitewater sports etc.)* and/or activities where changing environmental variables may result in poor execution of activity and expose participants to risk of serious injury or death. *e.g. warming causing ice melt, avalanche, heavy rains causing mudslide etc.*

Activity Plan Required

O-Risk Register Required

<sup>-</sup>Consult with SSRM prior to planning