



Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk

Directions to Student: As you carefully read this document, please initial each section to acknowledge your understanding. Please fill in all blanks and make sure to sign the form. If you have questions or concerns, please ask your instructor for further explanation.

_____ In light of the information asserted in the Statement of Understanding, I acknowledge that the Instructor and Dive Rescue International will determine if my performance, skills, demeanor, attitude, and character are of such nature to justify my completion of the course. I understand that a certificate of training and/or certification is not guaranteed and shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Instructor and Dive Rescue International. I also understand that this certificate of training and/or certification is intended for continuing education and is not designed for employment preparation.

_____ I further recognize that diving and/or public safety training is a potentially dangerous activity, and I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks, foreseen and unforeseen, or any harm, injury or damage resulting from such activity whether or not caused by negligence of the hosting agency,
(name of agency) _____, the Instructor,
(name of instructor) _____, or Dive Rescue International.

_____ I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain risks and that injuries can occur which require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the diving and activities which are necessary for certain training and certification may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time and/or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber and advanced medical care, and I nonetheless agree to proceed with such instructional dives.

_____ In consideration of my being allowed to enroll in this training course, for myself, my spouse, heirs, legal representatives and assigns, I voluntarily and knowingly waive any and all claims against, and release from any and all such claims, Dive Rescue International, the host agency, its facility, and any of its officers, instructors, agents, and employees which may arise from any activity directly or indirectly related to this training program, whether such claims arise through the negligence of any person or entity named herein, or otherwise.

_____ Furthermore, for myself, my spouse, heirs, legal representatives and assigns, I agree not to prosecute or present any claim or suit against Dive Rescue International, the host agency, its facility and any of its officers, instructors, agents, and employees for any claim arising from any activity directly or indirectly related to this training program. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Dive Rescue International, the host agency, its facility, and any of its officers, instructors, agents, and employees from all liability, loss, and damage, including costs and attorney's fees, which they may suffer as a result of my enrollment and participation in this training program.

_____ I have carefully read the Statement of Understanding and the material in this Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk document, have been fully apprised and am aware of the potential hazards, have had the opportunity to personally discuss with the instructor the potential dangers incidental to engaging in the instruction and/or described activity, have had any questions answered to my satisfaction, and hereby accept the risks and responsibilities for my own actions.

_____ I am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing this instrument and signing it as my free and voluntary act.

Participant's Name (please print): _____

Participant's Department (please print): _____

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructor's Signature: _____

Course Title: _____

Dates of Course: _____ **Location:** _____



Statement of Understanding

Directions to Student: This is a statement in which you are informed of potential hazards that may be encountered and of the conduct required of you during Dive Rescue International training programs. Your signature is required on this document for you to participate in this program. Read, and if necessary, discuss this Statement of Understanding with your instructor. As you carefully read this document, please initial each section to acknowledge your understanding. Please fill in all blanks and make sure to sign the form.

- _____ You must be a member of a public safety agency or a department and be at least 18 years old to participate in the training program.
- _____ The activities you will encounter during this program can be exciting and demanding. When done correctly, using tried and proven techniques and equipment, they can be done safely. However, when established safety procedures are not followed, there are dangers which may result in serious injury or even death. The potential hazards include but are not limited to: equipment failure, entanglement, loss of safety line, barotrauma, decompression sickness, drowning, hypothermia, hyperthermia, panic/stress, physical trauma, regulator/equipment freeze-up, communications failure, dry suit or ice rescue suit problems, misuse of equipment, falls, entrapment, strong currents, and equipment difficulties.
- _____ Dive Rescue International and its staff are very much aware of these hazards and plan to help minimize them, but you must be aware that they cannot be totally eliminated. Ultimately, you are responsible for your safety and the safety of others in this program. You will be expected to obey commonly accepted commands and to attempt exercises when instructed to do so. At no time will you be required to participate when you are not comfortable with what you are doing. It is your responsibility to make the final decision to participate in each activity.
- _____ This is not a sport or recreational course. It is a professional training program designed for personnel wishing to take a serious approach to rescue and recovery tactics and skills in dangerous environments. This program will be conducted utilizing both classroom lectures and hands-on exercises. Your total attention and participation in a professional manner are required. Horseplay, any type of harassment, practical jokes, consumption of alcohol or drugs, and smoking are not allowed while you are participating in the program.
- _____ This program can involve very strenuous work, placing you in not only physically, but mentally stressful situations. It is important that your respiratory and circulatory systems be in good condition. A person with heart trouble, epilepsy, asthma, or other medical problems should not participate. If you take medication, consult your doctor and the instructor before starting the program.
- _____ You have been advised of the type of equipment you are to supply for the program. Dive Rescue International has no control over this equipment and it is your responsibility to see that such equipment is in good operating condition, and it is your responsibility to know the proper techniques in its use.
- _____ I have read this Statement of Understanding and agree to the conditions and requirements as listed above.

Participant's Name (please print): _____

Participant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____