

NZRA SAFETY KAYAK GUIDELINES

EQUIPMENT

- First Aid kit
- Swimmer hold-on options on ends of boat (e.g toggle/webbing/handles)
- Personal Rescue equipment as per Raft Guides equipment in Rafting Awards
- River Apparel as per a Raft Guide (dress to rescue)
- Airbags/floatation in back of boat
- Craft must be suitable for task

SKILLS

- Rescue skill set as per unit 26135
- Confidently paddle the river solo and perform rescues
- Re-right a raft without losing kayak and paddle
- Tow and unconscious victim with airway clear; as per NZOIA Kayak 1
- Re-lease tow line while upside down and roll up; as per NZOIA Kayak 1
- Understand and follow company SOPs.
- Perform craft based gear and people rescues; as per NZOIA Kayak 1.

PRE-REQUISITES

- Minimum age 18
- Current first aid qualification
- Be familiar with the river

RIVER DEPENDENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Carry a split paddle
- Carry an effective communication device
- If sole safety craft on a remote one boat trip, consider requiring a raft guide qualification.