

The Responsibilities of Risk Management

Problems generally occur for one of four reasons:

1. Faulty supervision
2. Unsafe conduct of the activity
3. Unsafe environmental conditions
4. Judgmental errors

Professionalism is KEY! Instructors have a fundamental “DUTY of CARE” to teach within their capabilities, act appropriately, and to be responsible for their actions and the safety of their students and themselves.

ELIMINATE the risk by assessing what can go wrong and fixing it.

REDUCE the likelihood by doing something.

ACCEPT the risk by managing your exposure by making appropriate choices and decisions

TRANSFER the risk by getting insurance.

1. Plan your program thoroughly
2. Assess risks on a continuing basis
3. Understand the capabilities and limitations of your students
4. Provide and maintain a safe physical environment
5. Provide and maintain proper equipment
6. Teach using state-of-the-art methods
7. Supervise all activities carefully
8. Prepare and test emergency procedures
9. Maintain complete records of activities
10. Provide appropriate level of insurance