SKY DIVING

Step 1:   IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS: Let's look at the hazards associated with Sky Diving:

   • Have I received the proper training (is it current)
   • How strong is the wind
   • Landing area in good condition
   • Parachute failure
   • Collision with other jumpers
   • Airplane safety
   • Pilot certification

Step 2:   ASSESS THE RISK: Then assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss and severity:

   • Will I know what to do in a bad situation
   • Could I be blown into nearby power lines or into the road or water
   • Is the area free from obstructions
   • Have we briefed all skydivers on our routine
   • Possible crashes if not safe
   • Dropped off drop zone, wrong altitude

Step 3:   MAKE RISK DECISIONS: Once you have identified the hazards and assessed the associated risk, you should develop risk control options.   Start with the most serious risk first and select controls that will reduce the risk to a minimum consistent with mission accomplishment.   Decide on some controls that can be employed to reduce or mitigate the hazards:

   • Ensure training is current prior to jumping
   • Don't jump if winds are over the limit you feel comfortable with
   • Scout area prior to jumping
   • Check main and backup parachute
   • Give yourself plenty of distance/time between jumpers

With selected controls in place, decide if the benefit outweighs the risk.   If risk outweighs benefits or if assistance is required to implement controls, communicate with higher authority in the chain of command.   You need to either accept the risk, avoid the risk, reduce the risk,

or spread the risk.   Do not make dumb decisions.

   • Only jump if you are certified for the jump or an instructor is with you
   • Pick the location within the landing area that presents the least hazards
   • Don't jump unless you know who packed your chute

Step 4:   IMPLEMENT CONTROLS: Once you select appropriate controls, implement them!   A plan is only good if it is followed.

Step 5:   SUPERVISE: As always, the situation is subject to change quickly.   Monitor the situation and adjust as necessary to keep things under control.   Sky Diving is a great way to have fun and we all deserve a break every now and then.   Use risk management to make your diving experience memorable and safe.   No one wants an outing to turn into a tragedy!
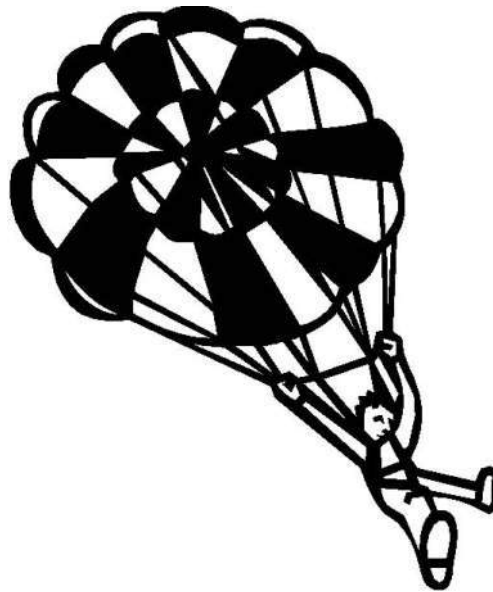
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