

# STATUTORY DECLARATION Vertical rescue skills (Outdoor Rec)

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_

in the State / Territory of \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare

[read and initial each paragraph]

\_\_\_ that I am applying for full Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of my vertical rope rescue skills in the context of activities at height within an outdoor recreation context.

\_\_\_ that I make this application on the basis of my proven capability in selecting and initiating an effective rescue procedure in a vertical or high angle environment.

\_\_\_ that I acknowledge and accept that before I can effectively rescue another person from height, I must first be competent and capable of applying vertical mobility skills in order to rescue myself (ie self rescue skills). I declare that I have underpinning knowledge and skills to deal with problems of my own making by applying a procedure best suited to the situation with the equipment I have on hand.

\_\_\_ that I have proven capability in:

1. assisting an injured/incapacitated person to safe ground using abseiling techniques (without assistance)
2. evacuating a person to safe ground using a lowering system (without assistance)
3. approaching and extracting a person suspended on a rope (without assistance)
4. hoisting a person to safe ground using principles of mechanical advantage (without assistance)
5. assessing and prioritising an emergency situation
6. formulating a plan of action for the management of an emergency situation
7. coordinating a rescue procedure
8. coordinating the evacuation of a casualty

\_\_\_ that I have proven capability in extracting a casualty suspended on a fixed rope within four (4) minutes (calculated from moment of contact to moment descent begins) and reaching safe ground for administering of first aid.

\_\_\_ that as a leader of abseiling/climbing activities, I have an obligation under the various State/Territory Occupational Health and Safety Acts, to ensure that my personal rescue knowledge and skills are adequate and that if I fail to fulfil that obligation, further injury or loss may occur in an emergency situation.

\_\_\_ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in improvised rope rescue techniques so that I can effectively respond to abseiling/climbing emergency situations in my capacity as a leader.

\_\_\_ I further acknowledge that this document may be relied upon in any proceedings instituted in any Court by me or my heirs, executors and assigns or any other natural person.

**I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.**

Signature of person making declaration	
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Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State/Territory of \_\_\_\_\_

on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me,

Signature	
Print Name	
Address	
Status*	

\* Justice of the Peace

\* Person authorised under Section 107A (1) of the evidence Act 1958 to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration