



Risk Awareness and Release

Canadian Red Cross Wilderness & Remote First Aid Program

I, _____ (“Participant”) acknowledge that I am being granted access to the Canadian Red Cross Society’s (“CRC”) (The CRC term includes throughout this document, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and Authorized Providers) Wilderness & Remote First Aid Program (“Program”). In consideration of CRC accepting my application and admitting me into the Program, I agree to the following terms and conditions of my participation:

1. I acknowledge that I have read descriptive materials provided to me about the Program and have had ample opportunity to ask questions about it. I understand that there are dangers and risks, sometimes extreme, to me in participating in the Program, arising from many factors over which CRC has no control, including:
 - a. *Terrain* – Wilderness training exposes participants to rugged and unpredictable slopes, water hazards and surface conditions, which may increase risk of injury.
 - b. *Falling objects* – These may be experienced in wilderness settings. It is impossible to predict when they may occur.
 - c. *Weather* – Weather conditions may be inclement and extreme and can change rapidly without warning. It is my responsibility to wear proper and sufficient clothing and equipment at all times.
 - d. *Modes of transportation* – There may be increased risk involved in transportation in wilderness environments, whether on country roads and pathways or in off-road locations, and whether by motor vehicle, boat or other machine.
 - e. *Skills of Instructors* – Although CRC uses only trained personnel in the Program, there may be differences in the capacity of different Instructors to respond to conditions and circumstances arising in wilderness locations.
 - f. *Conduct and skills of other Program participants* – A participant in the Program may in various situations face increased risk due to inexperience, poor judgment, negligence or deliberate acts or omissions by another Program participant.
 - g. *Practising First Aid procedures* – risks arise in practising first aid procedures on or with fellow participants: e.g. inappropriate touching; rough handling of body parts; lifting; being transported by stretcher or other means; being constricted by bandages; being injured by first aid equipment.

I voluntarily accept those and all other risks arising for me in the Program, including the risk of serious bodily injury, death, and property damage or loss, whether caused by negligence or by any other cause.

2. I understand that there are rules that apply to all participants in the Program, and that it is my responsibility to learn and observe these rules as they exist from time to time. The rules are available from my Program Instructor.
3. I understand that CRC provides no security to protect my property while I am participating in the Program, and that it is my responsibility to safeguard my property.

