

Title	Demonstrate basic caving skills		
Level	2	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate: individual preparedness and contribute to group preparedness; and basic caving skills in a caving environment.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Caving
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment within this standard must be carried out in accordance with the following as relevant:
 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi principles of partnership, protection and participation;
 - relevant legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016, Privacy Act 2020, Children’s Act 2014 and Human Rights Act 1993, and all subsequent amendments and associated regulations;
 - *The New Zealand Curriculum* and/or *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*; EOTC Guidelines – Bringing the Curriculum Alive 2016;
 - industry guidelines, including any relevant Good Practice Guide, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/good-practice-guidelines/> and Activity Specific Guidelines, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/activity-safety-guidelines-2/>;
 - industry codes such as the Mountain Safety Council Land Safety Code, available from <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/land-safety-code/> and Leave No Trace principles and relevant Care codes, all available from <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/>, and any relevant activity specific industry codes;
 - a Safety Management System (SMS) including organisational policies and procedures covering risk management, incident and emergency response, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - current industry good practice.

- 2 Definition

Current industry good practice means the range of actions currently accepted within the adventure and outdoor sector to manage the risk of harm to staff, participants, and others.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate individual preparedness and contribute to group preparedness.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select and wear or carry suitable footwear and clothing for safety, comfort and protection.
- Range may include but is not limited to – helmet, light, secondary light source, protective clothing and footwear.
- 1.2 Identify and share responsibility for group caving equipment.
- Range may include but is not limited to – first aid kit, spare clothing, food, hot drink.
- 1.3 Identify potential natural hazards in a caving environment.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate basic caving skills in a caving environment.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Follow cave conservation principles to minimise human impact.
- Range may include but is not limited to – route selection, care of speleothems, care of flora and fauna, mud management, preventing damage, waste management.
- 2.2 Demonstrate efficient and safe movement in a caving environment.
- Range may include but is not limited to – climbing, descending, moving carefully and deliberately, managing tight spaces, providing support to others.

Replacement information	This unit standard, unit standard 20129 and unit standard 20130 replaced unit standard 449.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	29 October 2004	31 December 2023
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Skills Active Aotearoa info@skillsactive.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.