



DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Declaration of Informed Consent

Course Number or
name of activity

Instructor(s):

Please Read Carefully and Complete the Form

Student Name:

Student #:

Who to Contact in Case of an Emergency:

Emergency
Contact:

Telephone #

Signing this document indicates that I understand that during research trips, field trips, exchanges or other excursions in which you are participating under the arrangements of Memorial University of Newfoundland, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, the forces of nature and travel by air, train, automobile or other means as well as exposure to customs and practices of societies different from our own. Accordingly, I acknowledge that despite its efforts, the University may not be able to ensure my complete safety at all times from such risks and dangers. More particularly, I appreciate that Memorial University of Newfoundland does not carry accident or injury insurance for my benefit and also that there may be certain matters for which I could be at fault personally if the accompanying circumstances do not relate to or arise from my research or education or if my activities or conduct fall short of what would be considered a reasonable standard for an individual in my position. In these cases I agree to be accountable in all respects for my own actions and not to ask the University or its employees to accept the consequences thereof; further, I agree to be responsible for any claims made against the University in relation to such actions.

I am aware that by participating in off-campus field activities of the Department of Earth Sciences, I am exposing myself to many inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- * Exposure to cold, wet weather or the effects of heat and strong sunlight, or strong winds
- * The possibility of becoming lost and the lack of access to medical assistance in an emergency
- * Curious or aggressive wildlife: bears, wood ticks and other noxious insects; Giardia and other parasites or other domestic or non-domestic animals
- * Falls on steep, slippery or uneven terrain resulting in contact with rocks, trees, obstructions and other participants, visible or non-visible or entanglement or impairment
- * Vehicle accidents; falling rock, flooding, immersion in cold water causing hypothermia, shock or drowning, deadfall, noxious vegetation, theft of personal property

Any or all of these risks may result in bodily injury or death. I understand the risks associated with field activities and the need to follow the instruction and precautions given by the activity supervisors. I am responsible for ensuring that I understand the safety briefing(s) associated with off-campus field activities; that I will act in a responsible manner and caution to avoid accidents and injury; and I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that I am physically and medically capable of participating in this off-campus field activity.

Signature of
participant:

Witness:

Date:

This informed consent must be completed in full before the participant is allowed to participate in field activities in the Dept. of Earth Sciences. It is required to describe to you risks associated with field activities in Earth Sciences and to limit the University's and Instructor's liability in the event of an accident.