

Research Project Information Sheet (Workshops)



Evaluating Incident Prevention Methods in Led Outdoor Activities Ethics Approval Number: A201510

Research Team Contact Details

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Project Background

The Understanding and Preventing Led Outdoor Accidents Data System (UPLOADS) is a sector-wide incident reporting system designed to collect data on participation and incidents that occur during led outdoor activities (LOA), and support the development of appropriate prevention strategies to reduce adverse incidents during LOA.

Research Purpose

The aim of the study is to develop safety interventions in response to a series of injuries sustained during hiking activities. You will be required to use one of three methods to develop the interventions, working in groups of 4-6 people. So that we do not influence the study outcomes, we cannot reveal the methods that will be used, until the day of the workshop.

Participation and Eligibility

Eligible participants will be from the LOA sector with roles in safety management, program design, and/or be involved in the development of safety interventions within organisations that deliver LOA (i.e. individuals involved in developing incident prevention strategies within their organisation). The study will be conducted in Victoria and Queensland.

To participate, you be required to advise your availability for three consecutive days, but you will only be required to attend one half day, or one full day workshop in either Melbourne, Victoria or Brisbane, Queensland. You will be advised which day you will be required to attend well in advance.

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The following table provides the information for the study timelines.

Day 1 – Half Day 1pm to 4pm	Day 2 – Full Day 9am to 4pm	Day 3 – Full Day 9am to 4pm
Morning: No Training	Morning: Method training	Morning: Method training
Afternoon: Development of safety strategies	Afternoon: Development of safety strategies	Afternoon: Development of safety strategies

The full day workshops will include training in a state-of-the-art accident analysis and prevention method, and then use the method to develop incident prevention strategies for a scenario provided on the day. The half day group (conducted on day 1) will not receive training on the day, but you will be invited to attend one of the method training sessions on day 2 or 3. You will be notified at the end of day 1 what methods will be used on day 2 and 3, so you can choose which training you wish to attend.

Benefits

If you participate in the study, you will receive:

- Training in a state-of-the-art method for developing incident prevention strategies.
- You and your organisation will receive a certificate acknowledging your contribution to safety research in the Led Outdoor Activity sector.

Consent

Consent is for your data and information to be collected, stored, and used in analysis and publications in a non-identifiable format. Consent is sought for this project and for related, ethics approved, projects that may be undertaken by other research teams.

Privacy, Confidentiality and Results

Any data collected as a part of this research project will be stored securely as per USC's Research Data Management Procedures. All identifying details will be removed prior to storage.

All comments and responses will be treated confidentially unless required by law. The results of this research project may be presented at external or internal conferences or meetings, or by publication. If you would like a summary of findings of this research project, please contact the Chief Investigator (listed above).

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Risks

Participation in this study may involve risk of unequal relationships between participants or physical harm. To negate this risk, the following strategies have been included in the study design:

- Throughout the workshops, participants will be provided with comfort breaks and refreshments to mitigate the risk of physical harm sustained while attending the workshops.
- Participation is voluntary, and your decision to participate or not will not affect your relationship with the research team or the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Contact details for the research team are available below for participants who still may have concerns regarding participation. Should participants feel uncomfortable talking to members of the research team, they are encouraged to contact an impartial person (e.g., Lifeline on 13 11 14 or BeyondBlue 1300 224 636; or the Chairperson of the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of the Sunshine Coast (07) 5459 4574.

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Concerns or Complaints

If you have any concerns or complaints about the way this research project is being conducted you can raise them with the Chief Investigator (Professor Paul Salmon, psalmon@usc.edu.au; +61 7 5456 5893). If you prefer an independent person, contact the Chairperson of the USC Human Research Ethics Committee: (c/- Office of Research, University of the Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore DC 4558; telephone (07) 5430 2823; email humanethics@usc.edu.au).

Thank you for consideration of this study. Please keep this sheet for your information.