



SKYDIVING WITH MEDICAL / PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

At Skydive Auckland we believe that tandem skydiving should be as accessible as possible. We can safely accommodate a wide range of different medical and physical conditions. However, inevitably the nature and severity of some conditions may preclude participation for your own safety and for the safety of our tandem masters. **Each decision needs to be made on a case-by-case basis.** We need to understand the details of your situation in advance, so we can assess, prepare and manage any additional risks.

The assessment of whether someone is permitted to skydive is made by our Safety Manager and the tandem instructor based on a number of factors including:

- General mobility (getting to/from aircraft)
- Ability to fit the harness
- Ability to hold onto the harness for exit
- Ability to take & follow instructions
- The skill and experience of the tandem instructor
- Ability to move to the door for exit
- Strength/flexibility to withstand the landing
- Weather conditions on the day
- Risk of complications/aggravation of condition (on your doctor's advice)

While we are skydiving experts, we are not medical experts. So, prior to undertaking a skydive we require you to seek and take the advice of your doctor/specialist. Your doctor/specialist knows you and will better understand the risks and intense physical requirements of skydiving relative to your particular health needs and limitations. However, please be aware that even if your doctor has advised that it may be safe for you to skydive, the final decision still lies with our Safety Manager and tandem instructor, who may, in the overriding interests of safety, and considering all the circumstances, overrule the advice of your doctor.

We can often accommodate common conditions or mobility issues simply by giving alternative instructions (for example: briefing physical prompts for the hearing impaired or a different positioning for shoulder injuries), by allowing slightly more time for preparation and harnessing or by using a specialized TRAX harness for passengers who have limited or no leg movement, to assist with the landing process.

It is essential that you provide us with as much detailed information as possible, so we can best advise you.

Thank you.

