



FAQ: World Skydiving Day 2024

How safe is skydiving?

Like any outdoor sport, skydiving involves inherent risk but proper preparation and good judgment can minimize the vast majority of them. Many think that equipment failure causes most skydiving accidents, but the reality is that the vast majority are a result of simple human error. Many of the accidents occur because the jumper—oftentimes an experienced skydiver who is pushing the limits— makes an error in judgment while landing a perfectly functioning parachute. (Just as automobile accidents are not usually the result of equipment failure, but rather operator mistakes.)

You can read more about safety in skydiving on our [website](#)!

What can I expect when skydiving for the first time?

For sheer excitement and high-speed fun, no sport comes close to skydiving. Fortunately, this life-changing adrenaline sport is not as extreme or intimidating as it may seem. Just about anyone 18 years of age or older can take to the skies after some comprehensive safety instruction.

The most common type of first-time skydiving is called a **tandem jump**. During a tandem, the instructor is the pilot in command of the shared parachute. Because both the student and the instructor are attached to the same parachute system, training is generally 20 minutes.

They freefall together for 30 to 50 seconds, depending on jump altitude (typically 10,000 to 13,000 feet) and descend together under a single large parachute with dual controls. Most skydiving centers offer optional video of the freefall and landing for an additional cost.

[Click here](#) to learn more about skydiving for the first time.

How fast will we fall?

This is dependent on meteorological variables as well as the combined weight of you and your instructor. Average speeds are typically 120 mph until the parachute opens.

How do I pick a place to jump?

You make your first skydive at a “dropzone” – which is an independently run business offering skydiving training. The World Skydiving Day effort is supported by numerous skydiving associations and skydiving centers around the world. [Click here](#) to find the drop zone closest to you!

What do I need to know before I jump?

Skydiving is an amazing experience. Each dropzone sets its individual policies and procedures for its business and requirements for students.

In general, the school you select will provide you with the necessary equipment and skydiving knowledge necessary for the method of instruction you select. Give them a call to discuss cost, any physical requirements (weight, height, age, etc.) and dress code for the location.

How can I get credit for my skydive on World Skydiving Day so I can be an official World Skydiving Day Record holder?

Submit proof of your skydive on www.worldskydivingday.com and be counted in the World Skydiving Day Record. This includes tandem skydives, as well as jumps made by licensed skydivers. Anyone who participates can order a **certificate** to show they were part of a WORLD SKYDIVING DAY RECORD!

After I take my first jump, what's next? What does it take to earn my skydiving license?

Click here to learn more about earning your certifications and how to progress in the sport of skydiving!

When is World Skydiving Day?

The inaugural World Skydiving Day is on Saturday, July 13, 2024. World Skydiving Day will be held on the second Saturday of July moving forward.

How can I get more information?

Click here to visit CSPA's website, your source for all things skydiving in Canada, or follow CSPA [Facebook](#).

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