

**BLACK DIAMOND SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL
RELEASE FORM**

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SSN: _____

I, the undersigned participant, do hereby acknowledge that single rope techniques and vertical training are inherently dangerous activities and may result in serious injury or death. I will observe and implement the safety rules given me.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in this training program, I hereby release the individual volunteer instructor(s) and the Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council, Inc. from liability. I understand that the National Forest Service, National Park Service, and the National Speleological Society have no connection whatsoever with the content or manner in which this training program takes place, and that none of those organizations have undertaken any duty toward me or any other participant in the program. Nevertheless, each of those organizations is included in this release.

It has been specifically explained to me that single rope techniques and vertical training involves the risk of serious injury or death and that specific risks are too numerous to list: included, but not limited to, are the risks of injury or death from being struck by foreign objects; by equipment failure; from exposure to the natural elements, - including gravity; and from falling from heights. Understanding these and other risks involved, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily assume all risk of serious injury or death.

In addition to my assumption of the risk, I do, in consideration of being permitted to participate in the program, covenant and contract with the individual volunteer instructor(s) and the Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council to release them and the other parties herein named above from all liability whatsoever for any negligent acts or omissions which may contribute to my death or injury. I do further covenant and contract that I will indemnify and hold harmless from all damages, whatsoever, the nature, each individual volunteer instructor(s), Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council, Inc., and the National Forest Service, National Park Service, and the National Speleological Society.

This legal release and contract shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This is a continuing release and remains in full force and effect until revoked in writing, and delivered to:

Black Diamond SAR Council
Attn: Coordinator
PO Box 22
Marion, VA 24354

or to an official records custodian at a regularly convened Black Diamond Search and Rescue Council Vertical Training Session.

I hereby certify that I have read the entire contents of this legal document, that I understand them, and that I am aware of the important legal rights that I have waived and surrendered.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____