

# 2010

**VERTICAL WORLD: ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION  
OF RISKS & RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**All participants must fill out and sign this document (PRINT LEGIBLY)**

**For participants under 18 yrs. of age, participant and parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign below**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**BELAY CHECK INFO.**

Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Intro Class Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTION**

Please read this Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks and Release and Indemnity Agreement, including Introduction and Conclusion (the "Document") carefully before signing. This Document informs you about your responsibilities and assumption of risks, and includes a release of liability, indemnification and surrender of certain legal rights.

*Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) (hereafter collectively "parent(s)") of any participating minor (hereafter sometimes "minor" or "child") shall sign this Agreement. Participating minors (those under the age of 18) shall also sign. "I," "me" or other first person references shall include both the parent and the minor, unless the context requires otherwise. References to "participant" include both minor and adult participants.*

**In consideration of the services of Vertical World, Inc., its agents, owners, officers, employees, representatives and all other persons or entities associated with it (hereafter collectively "Vertical World"), participant, including parent(s) of minor participants, agree as follows:**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS**

**Engaging in climbing activities at Vertical World's indoor rock climbing facility involves serious risks.** These activities vary but can include bouldering, climbing, belaying and rappelling on Vertical World's artificial climbing walls, with or without Vertical World staff present. I (and my parent(s), if I am a minor) acknowledge that participating in climbing activities involves risks. Some risks are inherent in these activities and cannot be eliminated or reduced. A variety of other risks also exist. **These inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers can cause injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death to participant or others. The following describes some, but not all of those risks, hazards and dangers:**

- 1.) **Risks involved in physical activity.** Activities vary, but can include lifting, climbing, rappelling, belaying and sustained use of a participant's arms and legs.
- 2.) **Risks in decision making.** Participants must make judgments and decisions as they participate in climbing activities. So, too, Vertical World staff must make judgments and decisions as they teach climbing skills or assist participants. These judgments and decisions are, by their nature, imprecise and subject to error. Consequently, there are risks involved in decision-making and conduct, including, without limitation, the risk that a staff member may misjudge a participant's abilities or fitness level.
- 3.) **Equipment failure or misuse.** **Equipment used includes, without limitation, artificial climbing holds and anchor points, ropes, slings, harnesses, climbing shoes and climbing hardware** which may be misused, or which can break, fail or malfunction. This includes participant's personal equipment or equipment rented or borrowed from Vertical World.
- 4.) **Risks regarding conduct.** The potential that I, other participants or third parties (e.g. belayer, rescue squad, hospital) may act carelessly or recklessly or generally fail to exercise care.
- 5.) **Such other risks, hazards and dangers associated with rock climbing activities and the use of artificial rock climbing walls.**

**These and other risks, hazards and dangers may result in participants (for example): 1) falling partway or falling to the ground, 2) getting entangled in ropes or other equipment, 3) impacting the rock face, anchor points, or other projections, 4) colliding with or impacting objects or people. These and other circumstances may cause fractures, sprains, broken bones, concussions, cuts or abrasions, or other injury or illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death.**

I understand that the above list is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks, hazards and dangers may result in injury, damage, death or other loss. I acknowledge that participating in these activities requires a special degree of skill and knowledge different from

