



# Parental Statement of Understanding

**Purpose:** This statement is to be used in conjunction with the Risk Awareness For Children video about swimming, snorkeling and scuba activities for children under the age of 15.

**Directions:** After reading each statement, write your initials in the space provided next to the statement indicating that you understand the statement. When you have read and initialed each statement, sign and date the appropriate area below.

I (we), \_\_\_\_\_, have been informed of the potential risks involved with my (our) child, \_\_\_\_\_, participating in a swimming, snorkeling or scuba activity conducted by \_\_\_\_\_ through the facility of \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of \_\_\_\_\_ beginning on the \_\_\_\_\_ of (month) \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have been fully informed, together with my (our) minor child, by the above-named instructor(s) and dealer through a review of the Risk Awareness For Children video and instructional session on behalf of the above-named facility and store. I (we) have discussed the inherent risks and hazards associated with this activity and I (we), collectively with my (our) child, wish to continue and participate in this activity.

*I (we) understand that:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scuba Schools International (SSI) develops the materials for this activity and is not in any way responsible for the supervision of the dive facility or dive leader.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The retailer offers the activity through the above-named facility.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The dive leader conducts the activity under the auspices and direction of the retailer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have had ample opportunity to discuss the risks of this activity with the dive leader and choose to have my (our) child participate in this activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ As the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the above named child I (we) am (are) the only one(s) that understand(s) my (our) child's academic skill and physical ability to participate in this activity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It is my (our) responsibility as parent(s)/legal guardian(s), as well as the responsibility of the dive leader, to evaluate my (our) child's ability to continue in and complete this activity. I (we) fully understand that this is a joint activity between myself (ourselves) and the dive leader.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we), and my (our) child have viewed and understand the Risk Awareness For Children video.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we), after having been fully apprised of the inherent risks and hazards associated with this activity insofar as my (our) child's participation is concerned, realize that there is a risk of bodily injury, death, failure to rescue and property damage. I (we) through my (our) signature(s) and initials on this document specifically agree to assume full responsibility for any risk of bodily injury, death, failure to rescue or property damage incurred as a result of my (our) child's participation, now and forever, whether foreseen or unforeseen. Further, I (we) agree to release and hold harmless Scuba Schools International (SSI), and the dive leader and facility identified above, from any claim, suit or damages of any sort, including death or injury caused by the negligence of the dive leader and facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) hereby separately and contractually agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless, and not to sue the releasees, Scuba Schools International (SSI) and its officers and directors, for any loss, liability, damage or costs that they may incur, now and forever, arising out of or related to participation by my (our) child in this activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have read the agreement, fully understand the terms herein, understand that I (we) have given up substantial rights by signing it, am (are) aware of its legal consequences and have signed this document freely and voluntarily without inducement, assurance or guarantee being made to me (us). I (we) understand that my (our) execution of this document constitutes a contract between myself (ourselves), the dive leader and facility, as well as Scuba Schools International (SSI), which is binding upon me (us).

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_