

First Jump - Frequently Asked Questions

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Why should I choose to skydive with Skydive Toronto?

***Best Safety Record!**

Skydive Toronto Inc.'s training methods and expertise have been derived and developed over the past three decades, by instructing thousands of skydivers and conducting over 180,000 drops. Skydive Toronto Inc. is the only school in Canada to equip its students with two 'Automatic Activation Devices.' One for your main parachute and the other for your reserve. These devices will automatically activate your parachute should you need the assistance. Skydive Toronto Inc. is the only school in Canada that has designed and created an aerodome specifically for skydiving activities.

***Best Service!**

With our team of instructors, packers and organizers, large supply of modern equipment and fleet of airplanes, we can offer unmatched service.

***Best Excitement!**

Make a holiday out of your skydiving weekend! Along with experiencing the thrill of skydiving, you will be located close to many of the most popular tourist attractions north of Toronto. For all seasons of the year, our location offers you adventure in the air, in the water and on land!

***Best Expertise!**

Canadian Team members, Joe & Claire, the founders and leading Instructors of Skydive Toronto Inc.; bringing thousands of skydives, and decades of years of experience to make this a memorable and exciting experience for you.

***Best Price!**

We endeavour to offer the best prices and value for your skydiving experience!

How safe is skydiving?

Like rock-climbing, bungee jumping or skiing, skydiving is considered to be a high risk sport. Your safety throughout the jump is our top priority. The airplanes you fly in are closely monitored and inspected. The equipment you use undergoes regular maintenance and is equipped with two automatic activation devices. Even with the many precautions taken, there are inherent risks in skydiving that may lead to **serious injury or death**.

How can I prepare myself for my first jump?

Be well rested with a good night's sleep. Whether you take the Tandem or Solo First Jump Course, your day will be filled with learning new skills which require your focus.

EAT BREAKFAST!! The duration of the day is from 8:00 am - sunset. During the summer this makes for 12 hour days. Ensure that your body starts the day with strength and proper nutrition.

Which course is for me? Should I take the Solo First Jump Course or Tandem Skydive?

Here are some helpful hints to assist in your decision making process: Take a look at activities that you have enjoyed and experienced previously. Are you very independent and enjoy relying on your own skills? Do you like the idea of having an experienced

instructor with you throughout the skydive? Do you foresee yourself continuing on to make your first solo freefall jump? Will you be participating with a large group of friends?

Many people would like to rely on themselves and the skills taught throughout the day, so they will choose the Solo First Jump Course. Those looking for freefall, a relaxing ride and less training often choose the Tandem Skydive. You know yourself best!

Skydive Toronto Inc. does offer a discount if you would like to experience both methods of skydiving. Please inquire with us for what we can offer you.

What does the landing feel like?

The modern 'square' parachute acts like the wing of an airplane. It is very maneuverable, and provides lift. For landing, the suspended jumper flares the chute to slow down the canopy's forward speed and to create extra lift. The landing may feel like jumping off the top of a picnic table, often allowing the student to land standing up on their feet.

How many jumps must I make before I am able to freefall on my own?

With either form of training, the Student must be able to perform a training ripcord pull prior to progressing to solo freefall. This is usually accomplished in 4-6 skydives. It is best for a Student to stay current by jumping as regularly as possible. It is possible to make your first solo freefall skydive on the same weekend as your first jump.

What if my parachute doesn't open?

Transport Canada regulations require that all skydiving systems consist of two parachutes. The 'main' parachute is for your primary use, while the 'reserve' is your secondary parachute should the first one malfunction.

On a solo jump, you will learn the procedure to activate your reserve parachute. During a tandem skydive, the Tandem Master will handle the emergency procedures for you.