# Legislation and monitoring adventure activities

Health inspector Jaakko Leinonen Rovaniemi environmental health care



Safetywork is always a challenge

- Monitoring is take control in Finland by town, municipality or co-operational area. Rovaniemi co-operational area includes Rovaniemi, Ranua, Pello, Ylitornio and Kolari. Population is ca. 77.000 inhabitants area is 18.405 km2 (Vs. Montenegro 13.812 km2)
- We have 7 inspectors and 174 law or act under our monitoring. Three has specialized for consumer safety and security.
- Work based on monitoring plan, made by cooperational area which follows a national plan. (Monitoring must be equal around the country). Monitoring should be preventative

### **About monitoring**

 Monitoring based mostly Consumer safety and security law (920/2011) and Law for protecting health (763/1994). If necessary during inspection we have possibility subject to other laws like food act, law for water supplier, tobacco act, chemical law and so on.

### More about monitoring



PLACATER, Sörordningar,

RESOLUTIONER

Och

PUBLICATIONER,

Som

Aifsens Styrsel samt inwärtes Sushällning och Sörfattningar i gemen, jämwäl och Stockholms Stad i synnerhet angä;

Med et kulkomligit Orda, Register ofwer des Innehall; Iamte Fortekning, efter Aretalen, på alla de Publique Handlingar och Acter form i denna Sjunde Delen Innehallas

Sjunde Delen, til 1764 års flut.

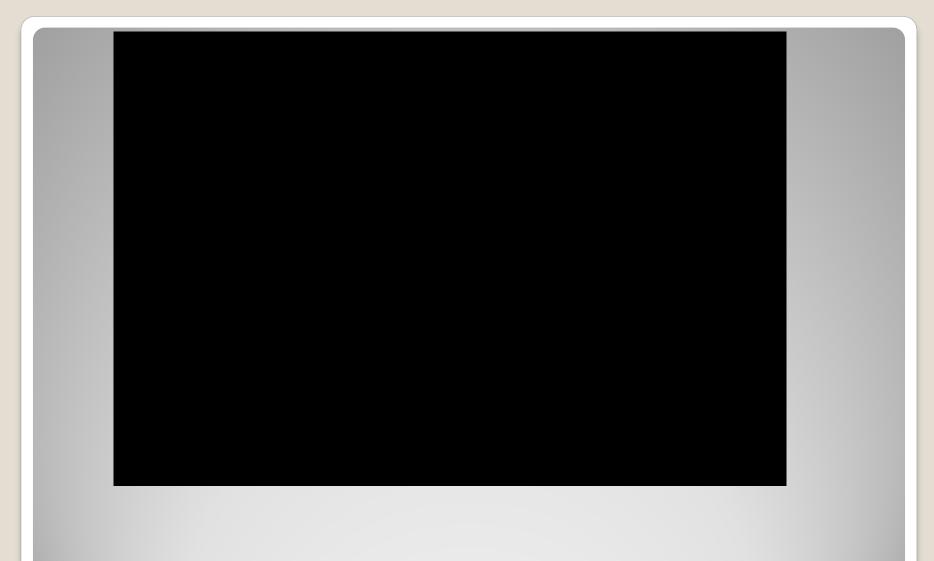
Med Hans Rongl. Majits Allernådigste Privilegio.

Stockholm, a no Eruckt i Rongl. Eruckeriet, 1779.

Consumer safety is old branch of legislation in Finland. First laws made in 1758 by Swedish king.

- Product or service is not allowed to do any harm for customer. (Adventure activities are services for customer). Service must be safe, when it's offered to consumers. Under the Consumer Safety Act, traders are primarily responsible for the safety of goods and services
- Person or company knows best the risks in service what it produces. Law demands duty of care. That is shown in security document.
- The operator is responsible for the safety of a program service throughout the service chain
  - Signed notification or obligation from the customer will not transfer the responsibility for safety away from the service provider
    - There is not such thing as "own risk"

### **Main topics**



**Producer knows best the risks** 

 If service may contain a risk a consumer, company or person who produce that service must make a notification to the authors.

- The following information shall be included in the notification:
- a) the name, domicile and contact information of the service provider;
- b) the place of performance or provision of the service;
- c) a description of the service;
- d) the most significant risks involved in the service and the measures taken to ensure due preparedness for those risks;
- e) information about the drafting of the safety document and the date of its most recent update.
- A similar notification shall be made before making any substantial changes to the activities referred to in paragraph 1.
- The municipal surveillance authority shall be informed of any change of the service provider.
- After receiving a notification, the municipal surveillance authority shall promptly send the service provider an acknowledgement of receipt

## Notification for authors before starting an operation.

### The new operator must give a notification and written Safety Document to the Controlling Authority (Council Health Inspector) before starting the following program services

- 1) Amusement park, family park, zoo, park home, carnival and circus
- 2) Gym
- 3) Ski center
- 4) Playground and indoor playground;
- 5) Skating parks and similar bicycle parks
- 6) Adventure-, experience-, nature program services and other similar services
- 7) Climbing center;
- 8) Riding stables and other equestrian services
- 9) Go-kart tracks
- 10) Indoor swimming pool, outdoor swimming pool, spa and entertainment resort
- 11) Swimming and winter swimming facility
- 12) Tattoo, piercing and other body modification services
- 13) Safety hotline, and other similar service
- 14) The event, which includes a significant risk (rock concert...)

Old operators have to give only safety document before 1. July 2012

### THE NOTIFICATION & SAFETY DOCUMENT

- Right to receive information which is necessary for monitoring
- Right to conduct inspections
- Right to take samples
- Negotiations with traders to eliminate observed risks
- Temporary or permanent ban on the sale of goods or services
- Recalling goods from consumers
- Getting rid of goods
- Obligation to provide information
- Abandonment of the operation
- Possibility to have help from the Police authorit

**Surveillance means and jurisdiction** 

 Handle as good hygiene as possible, prevent diseases

Wastes, toilets,

Law for protection healthy includes issues like

- I feel my role more like one of the company's quality management tool.
- Decisions I make, can always complain Administrative Court or Tukes (Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency)
- Monitoring must based to "law for good administration"
- Co-operational point of wiew

#### As an author