

What You Need To Know

UK Parachuting is the skydive company that we have carefully chosen to ensure that you enjoy your skydive experience. Not only are they one of the friendliest and most helpful skydiving schools around, but also the most professional. This information sheet is designed to give you an overview of what will be involved in your tandem skydive experience.

What is a tandem skydive?

A tandem skydive is a high altitude jump where you are securely attached to your tandem instructor. He/she is responsible for controlling the freefall part of the skydive as well as the flight under the parachute, leaving you free to enjoy the thrill of the experience!

What does the experience involve?

The course is designed to be completed within half a day, where possible, however on busier days (usually weekends in the summer) there may be a short wait to do your jump. This will be avoided if possible but please allow time for delays on the day. Your skydive experience will consist of:

- **The Briefing:** Your instructor will take you through a 30 minute briefing during which you will learn about the skydive, what you will need to do and the equipment that you will be using.
- **The Ride to Altitude:** The aircraft will take you to a minimum of 12,000ft where you will exit securely harnessed to your instructor.
- **Freefall:** You will experience freefall at around 120mph for approximately 35 seconds. Your instructor will deploy your tandem parachute at around 5,000ft.
- **The Parachute Ride:** The parachute is specifically designed for two people and your instructor will control it throughout. You will have several minutes to enjoy the flight as your instructor guides it back to the landing area.
- **The Landing:** Landings are usually soft. Following the instructions you were given during your briefing will ensure a comfortable landing - which is generally accomplished without even falling over!

Is it safe?

The sport is naturally extremely safety-conscious so all tandem parachute systems come with a back up reserve parachute and a computer operated device that will automatically deploy the reserve parachute if the manual deployment method is unsuccessful. Tandem parachutes are designed for two people and are thoroughly tested and maintained. All parachute jumps at UK Parachuting are conducted in accordance with safety limitations imposed by the Civil Aviation Authority and the British Parachute Association.

Are there any restrictions?

The maximum weight restriction is 15st 7lb, the maximum height is 6ft 3" and your weight should be in proportion to your height. The minimum age is 16 years (parental consent required for under 18s). You will also be required to sign a 115A Form to confirm that you are fit enough to skydive. If you are unable to agree to all the statements in the 115A Form, we will send you a 115B Form to complete.

Can I get my experience on DVD?

The airfield can arrange a freefall cameraman to record the entire experience (at an extra cost of £90-125). This is booked and paid for by you on the day of your skydive. You will receive a fully edited DVD that will provide a lasting reminder of your unique experience.