



# Skydive FAQs



## What does a tandem skydive involve?

- On the day you'll receive training before taking to the skies for your tandem skydive!
- You'll be harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times.
- You'll jump from at least 10,000 feet – just like the professionals.
- You'll free-fall at up to 125mph down to 5,000 feet, before the parachute is opened up and you soar through the sky.
- The instructor will control your landing as you arrive safely back on the ground.

## How much do I have to raise?

To take part in a tandem skydive, you'll need to pay a £50 registration fee to GoSkydive. The minimum sponsorship for a 10,000-foot jump is £420, which covers both your jump cost and your fundraising target. Specifically, £244 covers the skydive costs, and the remaining £176 is your minimum sponsorship amount for Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity.

If you'd like to jump from an incredible 15,000 feet, where you'll freefall for a minute, your fundraising target will increase to £520. Out of this amount, £313 covers the cost of your jump, while the remaining £207 is your minimum sponsorship amount for Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity.

Once your jump is confirmed we'll send you a fundraising pack with a Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity t-shirt, as well as plenty of resources and tips to help you make your fundraising easy.

We'll be there to support you the whole way, helping you to achieve your fundraising target!

## Are there any age and weight restrictions?

You have to be at least 16 years old to jump – if you are over 16 but under 18, you'll need your parent's or guardian's permission. There is no upper age limit for a tandem skydive. Most drop zones require jumpers to weigh 15 stone or less, but this can be lower or higher depending on the airfield, your gender and your body mass index.

### **Will I need to fill out a medical form?**

You will be required to complete a Declaration of Fitness form before your jump, confirming you're able to take part. There are some restrictions in relation to medical conditions like diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. Full details are given on the form, but if you have one of the medical conditions listed, you will need to get the form signed by your GP, whatever your age.

If you are aged 16 or 17 years old, you will need your parent or guardian to sign the form. GoSkydive will send you the Declaration of Fitness form after they receive your booking.

### **What about insurance?**

If a UK resident, you'll automatically be covered by the British Parachute Association's Public Liability insurance for up to £5,000,000. However, this insurance doesn't cover you for personal injury or death. The British Parachute Association recommends that tandem skydivers take out their own personal accident insurance cover through their own insurance broker or one of the insurers listed on their website [www.bpa.org.uk](http://www.bpa.org.uk)

### **Can I raise my fundraising target online?**

Absolutely. You'll need to raise the minimum sponsorship online three weeks before the date of your jump. That way we're able to cover the cost of your tandem skydive. You will receive information about how to set up your JustGiving page once you sign up.

### **Can my jump be filmed?**

Most drop zones have professional cameramen available to capture your big moment. Videos or photographs make a great lasting reminder of your day, as well as providing proof to your sponsors that you actually did it! Unfortunately, this isn't covered by your fundraising money, but if you'd like to have your jump filmed, contact GoSkydive in advance to find out what's available and how much it'll cost.

### **How do I book my skydive?**

You can [book online via GoSkydive here](#) or contact them by calling their charity office on 01722 442967.

### **Can I pay for the whole cost of the tandem skydive?**

Some people decide to pay for the whole cost of their jump out of their own money, so everything they fundraise goes towards our lifesaving work. If you would like to do this, or you've already paid for a place yourself, do let us know by calling the charity team on 01225 300536.

### **What if I have more questions?**

If there's anything else you'd like to know, give us a call on 01225 300536. If you would like to speak to one of the professionals at GoSkydive, give them a call on 01722 567188 or email [info@goskydive.com](mailto:info@goskydive.com).

**We look forward to welcoming you to the team as you take to the skies!**

