

**Sec. 15-41-42a. Definitions**

(a) “Drop zone” means an unobstructed, radial area of land within the drop zone area used for parachute jumping which contains a clearly defined target point.

(b) “Drop zone area” means a parcel or parcels of land used for parachute jumping for which written permission has been obtained from the property owner or owners, containing a clearly defined drop zone and target point.

(c) “Free fall parachute jump” means a parachute jump in which the parachute is deployed by means other than a static line (manual or automatic deployment).

(d) “Jumpmaster” means the parachutist in command of student parachutists from the time they enter until the time they exit the aircraft; a parachutist who possesses a current USPA jumpmaster rating.

(e) “Obstructions” means trees, ditches, telephone and power lines, towers, buildings, highways, automobiles or any other object reasonably deemed a hazard to the parachutist by the commissioner of transportation.

(f) “Parachute jump” means the descent from an aircraft in-flight of a person who uses a parachute during all or part of such descent.

(g) “Parachute jump center” means any land or water area containing a drop zone area, drop zone, target point and operations base which has been duly licensed by the commissioner of transportation and a description of and Class D survey has been filed with the Department of Transportation.

(h) “Parachute jump center operator” means any individual, club or organization who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a duly licensed parachute jump center.

(i) “Parachute license” defines the level of expertise, proficiency acquired and training received by the parachutist. Individual license requirements shall be as defined in the current USPA published standards for Class A, B, C and D parachutists.

(j) “Parachutist” or skydiver means a person who engages in an intentional parachute jump.

(k) “Static line parachute jump” means a parachute jump in which the parachute is deployed by means of a static line attached to the aircraft.

(l) “Student parachutist” means a person engaging in parachute jumping who has not qualified for a USPA Class A license.

(m) “Target point” for student parachutists means that point on the surface located in the center of the drop zone containing a clearly defined marking of at least ten yards in diameter. The target point for licensed parachutists will be located within the drop zone with an unobstructed radial free distance as required for the class of jumper.

(n) “Temporary drop zone” means any land or water area other than a parachute jump center which is used for parachute jumping for a demonstration jump, air show, skydiving exhibit or other special event.

(o) “USPA” means United States Parachute Association, a division of the National Aeronautic Association.

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