

Releases of Liability at SMU

SMU may require the use of a release of liability in certain circumstances to manage risk related to on and off campus events affiliated with SMU. Briefly stated, there are two requirements to ensure enforceability of a release of liability under Texas law:

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- 6. What kind of activities will occur during the event (ex: athletic competition, construction site tour, field day, use of lab facilities, arts and crafts, interaction with community members, etc.)
- 7. Will any minors (under 18) be participating in the event?

If minors (individuals under 18 years of age) are participating in your event, their parents or guardians must sign minor-specific releases of liability for the event. Please let the Office of Legal Affairs know that you need a release of liability for minors when making your request.

The Office of Legal Affairs will add language to your release of liability that will grant you permission to take and post photos from your event for SMU purposes. Let us know that you would like this language to be included in your release.

At this time, the Office of Legal Affairs does not support electronic waivers. We ask that a paper waiver is collected before participation in the event.

The department and/or organization hosting the event should maintain a paper and/or electronic copy of all signed waivers for two (2) years following the event.

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