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### **Windsurfer and kiteboarder health study**

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Oregon health officials are recruiting participants for a study of illnesses and injuries among windsurfers and kiteboarders who practice their sport in the Columbia River. In recent years the Oregon Department of Human Services Public Health Division has received a number of reports of respiratory ailments and skin symptoms that have appeared after surfing.

The Public Health Division aims to enroll 400 windsurfers and kiteboarders to complete five short on-line surveys between June and October. Participants who complete all five surveys will have an opportunity to get a thank you gift card.

To be eligible, participants must be 18 years or older, will windsurf or kiteboard at least once a month between June and September 2008, have a valid email address and be able to complete internet-based surveys.

Each survey should take 5 to 10 minutes. All information provided in the surveys will be kept strictly confidential. Participants will be informed of the results on completion of the study.

To enroll in the study go to <http://www.healthoregon.org/surferhealth> web page. Your participation will improve understanding of windsurfing and kiteboarding-related illnesses and injuries in Oregon.

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