

Moving Nippers to an Alternate Location Factsheet

Where possible, nippers should be delivered during the scheduled patrol season, and during the hours of a scheduled club patrol.

Should a patrolled area be closed due to dangerous conditions, or for other reasons, no in-water nippers can take place at this location. You may choose to temporarily move your nippers to an alternative location if the conditions are deemed unsuitable at your local beach after a risk assessment is conducted.

To safely move your nippers the patrol captain must contact SurfCom to advise of the new location prior to any activities taking place.

To facilitate any in-water nipper activities, all minimum patrol requirements must be present where a rostered patrol is not in operation. This means that rescue tubes, rescue boards, radios, oxygen and defibrillation equipment, first aid kits and patrol flags all need to be available and in working condition.

When a club moves location for their nippers, safety is still the priority. A change to the nipper location must be noted in the patrol log, a risk assessment must be completed at the new location and water safety ratios must be met.

The Patrol Operations Manual will need to be updated if an alternate nipper location is permanently utilised.

