



1.01 Water Safety

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Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is to the safety, health and wellbeing of its Members, employees and the wider community who visit Australia's beaches. SLSA is the leader in coastal safety and provide safe and enjoyable aquatic experiences.

All Surf Life Saving affiliated organisations have a duty of care to their Members participating in aquatic activities. In all Member activities SLSA is committed to adopting reasonable and practical measures that help to prevent injury or illness. These measures include:

- a. compliance with State/Territory workplace health and safety legislation and regulations (where applicable);
- b. provision of effective risk assessment and management tools; including tools that are specifically tailored to the aquatic environment;
- c. provision of clear guidelines, procedures and codes of conduct for Members conducting or participating in aquatic activities;
- d. provision of an effective incident reporting system that allows SLSA to monitor, review and continuously improve our health, safety and risk management measures through an evidence based system;
- e. providing education and training for Members administering or participating in aquatic activities;
- f. supervision of participants during aquatic activities; and
- g. research/evidence based outcomes to ensure continuous improvement of equipment, operating procedures and training.

Please refer to the SLSA 'Water Safety Procedures' for further details, www.sls.com.au.