



# SLSQ Policy

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## Purpose

To provide the safest environment for all members participating in club, branch, or state, water- based activities, beach activities, and training environments. To define the roles and responsibilities for operations and emergency response in activities and training in a shallow water environment.

## Scope

This policy applies to all workers and Lifesavers (volunteers) working in or around shallow water environments, undertaking aquatic and beach activities in the provision of life saving services, participating in surf sports, training (competition or Award), or special events who may have to perform a shallow water rescue.

## Policy Statement

Our commitment to developing a **Safety UR First** culture throughout all SLSQ operations, your safety is our priority. There is no expectation that workers or Lifesavers are placed at unnecessary risk in undertaking their role.

To meet our commitment to shallow water rescue, we endeavor to reduce the risk by:

- Ensuring and maintaining appropriate training in the different types of shallow water rescue
- Supporting research to understand how to improve shallow water rescue procedures
- Identifying, monitoring and complying with applicable health and safety laws, codes, standards and other regulatory obligations.
- Provide suitable training, information, guidance and technology
- Identifying hazards, assessing risks and implementing risk control measures on a continual basis
- Broadly consulting and communicating with experts and relevant stakeholders on matters where SLSQ propose changes that directly impact operations
- Monitoring effective implementation of this policy

## Related Instruments

Shallow Water Rescue Procedure  
 Lifeguard/Patrol Operations Manual

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