

# SLSQ Policy

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## Introduction

This policy provides a guide to recognising and overcoming risks associated with the provision of Life Saving Services in regions which Crocodiles may inhabit

## Purpose

This policy aims to:

- help identify existing and potential health and safety issues;
- raise the overall awareness of hazard identification and risk reduction; and
- assist in establishing risk management procedures.

## Definitions

"Crocodile" – a protected animal of the species *Crocodylus porosus*.

"QPWS" – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

"Vessel" – any type of powered vessel including a rigid inflatable boat, an outboard/inboard powered boat or a waverunner.

## Legislative Framework

*Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodile) Conservation Plan 2018*

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/sl-2018-0147>

## Policy

### ACTIONS ON SIGHTINGS

If a Crocodile is sighted the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Confirm sighting of Crocodile by a credible individual.
2. Request all swimmers to leave the water.
3. Close the beach to all swimming and post appropriate signage (if specific signage is not available standard "no swimming" and "danger" signs may be utilised).



4. Advise beach visitors to remain clear of the waters edge.
5. Do not attempt to kill, capture or injure the Crocodile.
6. Record as much detail regarding the sighting as possible i.e. time of sighting; location; Crocodile's destination; approximate size.
7. Contact CrocWatch on 1300 130 372 and report the sighting.
8. The Beach shall remain closed for 4hours from the last confirmed sighting, unless the crocodile is captured/relocated by DES.
9. Sighting to be logged in LIMSOC.

#### **ACTIONS IN EVENT OF CROCODILE ATTACK**

Crocodile attack injuries can result in massive tissue damage and severe blood loss. The following general treatment applies (specific information is contained within the SLSA training manual):

- Return the patient to shore as quickly as possible.
- Apply immediate first-aid (Basic Life Support/Control Bleeding).
- Co-ordinate hospital transport and pre-hospital emergency care.
- Follow precautions outlined in 'Actions on Sightings' (*Attachment 1*).

#### **FURTHER ADVICE AND INFORMATION**

If you require further advice or assistance please contact Surf Life Saving Queensland on 07 3846 8000; QPWS or Department of Environment and Science (DES) within your region.

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**Actions and Sightings Procedure - (Attachment 1)**

