



## SLSQ Policy

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### Purpose

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is committed to your safety and this policy has been created to mitigate risks of serious injury or death from interactions with marine stingers in Queensland waters and in particular the tropical waters of Northern Queensland.

### Scope

This policy applied to all workers and Lifesavers (volunteers) working in marine environments, undertaking aquatic activities in the provision of lifesaving services, participating in surf sports, training (competition or award) or special events, while potentially sharing that environment with marine stingers that present a hazard to health and safety.

### 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 Marine Stinger safety, we endeavour to reduce the risk by:

- Ensuring, where provided, that stinger nets, safety and first aid equipment is maintained to safeguard operations and aquatic activities.
- Supporting research to understand how to reduce the risk of marine envenomation; contact, personal protection equipment, safety devices and innovative technology.
- Participating in trials of alternative marine stinger mitigation technologies to determine their sustainability for Queensland conditions.
- 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 proposed changes that directly impact operations.
- Educating stakeholders to be stinger aware every time they are on or in Queensland tropical waters
- Monitoring the effective implementation of this policy

### Related Instruments

Marine Stinger Risk Management Procedure  
Lifeguard, Patrol & Training Operations Manuals

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