

# SLSQ Guideline

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## Introduction

Patrol members can provide a valuable service by identifying and reporting marine pollution. In addition to the environmental risks associated with marine pollution, there is a potential for risk to the community that includes health risks associated with potentially poisonous substances and the potential threat of fire/explosion.

## Purpose

This guideline provides information relating to the responsibilities of reporting marine pollution.

## Application

If marine pollution is identified, patrol members should first ascertain if there is any risk to the community. If so, contact Surfcom immediately for the next course of action and separate the public from the hazard.

If the marine pollution requires the closure of the beach, refer to [POM Section 8 - Lifesaving Activities at Closed Beaches](#) for more information.