

Surf Life Saving Queensland

Who we are

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is the state's leading authority on aquatic safety and surf rescue, and one of the largest volunteer-based community service organisations in Australia.

From humble beginnings, when the first official rescue was recorded on a Queensland beach in 1909, SLSQ has developed into a ground-breaking and highly innovative organisation encompassing 58 clubs and more than 30,000 men, women and children across the state.

Since its inception, SLSQ's volunteer surf lifesavers and lifeguards have directly saved the lives of more than 125,000 people through in-water rescues, and educated in excess of 10 million people about surf and aquatic safety through targeted and grassroots community awareness programs.

SLSQ is directly affiliated with, and is part of, Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) and the International Life Saving Federation (ILSF).

The University of Queensland partnership

Surf Life Saving Queensland and The University of Queensland (UQ) have joined forces in a bid to save lives along Queensland's coastline.

UQ's sponsorship will directly support SLSQ's award-winning On The Same Wave multicultural program which, last year alone, educated more than 157,000 international tourists, migrants and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds about surf safety.

In 2014, the Queensland higher education sector welcomed more than 48,000 international students, with more than 11,000 choosing to study at UQ.

The sponsorship will also see UQ become the naming rights sponsor of SLSQ's Leadership Excellence Program, which seeks to develop the skills of young leaders within the surf lifesaving movement, as well as the Secondary School Surf League – aimed at increasing competition and participation in lifesaving activities across the state.

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Our vision

Zero preventable deaths in Queensland public waters.

Our mission

SLSQ will operate as a proactive and effective peak body leading the way in lifesaving service provision, education, sport, beach and water safety advocacy and community leadership.

Supporting your visits to Queensland beaches

During the year you may have plans to coordinate group activities and visits to Queensland beaches on the Gold or Sunshine Coasts. Should this be the case, we encourage all group executive leaders to follow some simple steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of yourself and your group members.

Following is information on what you should do prior to your beach visit as well as contact details for SLSQ's Community Awareness team who can assist you with beach visits for groups of 30 or more.

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Step one

For large groups (30+ members) contact SLSQ to advise the date and estimated arrival time of your trip, your preferred beach destination and the estimated number of members who will be travelling within the group.

Please contact Scott Harrison from SLSQ's Community Awareness department.
sharrison@lifesaving.com.au
(07) 5566 1000

We recommend you notify Scott a minimum of two weeks in advance of your travel date.

Step three

Identify yourself and your group to the patrolling lifesavers or lifeguards on duty. They will provide you with valuable advice on the current days beach conditions.

Step two

When you arrive at your beach location, please make your way to a patrolled beach, easily identified by the red and yellow flags. If there are no red and yellow flags, do not set up or swim at that location.

Step four

Always swim between the red and yellow flags - because if lifesavers and lifeguards can't see you, they can't save you!

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| FIND the flags to swim between | LOOK at the safety signs | ASK a lifesaver for advice | GO swimming with a friend | STICK your hand up for help |
| The red and yellow flags mark the best place to swim at the beach. This area is patrolled by lifesavers and lifeguards. | Safety signs help identify potential beach dangers. Located near the flagged, read the signs before entering the water. | Surf conditions (depth, current, wave size/type) can change quickly. Talk to a lifesaver before entering the water. | Always swim with a friend - look out for each other and get help if needed. Children require adult supervision. | Stay calm if you get into trouble in the water. Raise your arm for help, float and wait for assistance. Don't swim against rips. |



RED & YELLOW FLAGS
Best area for swimming.



RED FLAG
No swimming.



YELLOW FLAG
Caution required.
Potential hazards.



RED & WHITE FLAG
Evacuate the water.



BLACK & WHITE FLAG
Surfboard riding area boundary.

