

# SOP 1.04 – Patrol Equipment Requirements

Section 1 – Patrol Operations

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## Purpose

To describe the key actions and procedure to be followed when opening a patrolled area.

## Scope

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) applies to all Life Saving Victoria (LSV) personnel; paid staff, officers and volunteer members of LSV where engaged in Patrol operations.

## Policy Statement

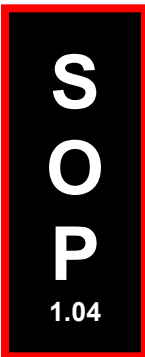
LSV requires all Patrolling members to adhere to the established policies, procedures and guidelines to ensure safe and effective practices relating to Lifesaving Patrols.

Rescue equipment should be positioned in a suitable location to ensure it is accessible and able to be deployed as soon as possible.

The flags and rescue equipment should be moved appropriately as the beach, weather, operational conditions change throughout the day.

## Definitions

| Name        | Definition  |
|-------------|---|
| Patrol Area | Designated area which is defined during the Patrol setup. |
| GEMS        | Gear and Equipment Management System                      |
| LSV         | Life Saving Victoria                                      |
| IRB         | Inflatable Rescue Boat                                    |
| RWC         | Rescue Water Craft  |



## Procedure

The minimum equipment requirement includes: Patrol Area

- 1 set of red over yellow Patrol Feather Flags or Feathers with suitable stands to elevate to a height of approximately 3.6 metres. If ground screws are used the flags must still reach a height of 3.6 metres
- One set of board rider signs and Black and White Quartered Flags on poles. (All Port Phillip Bay Clubs, Wonthaggi LSC, Mildura LSC & Port Campbell SLSC exempt)
- 2 rescue boards
- 2 rescue tubes
- 4 approved Patrol Bum Bags (PPE) with minimum content (refer Gear and Inspection Audit Guide).
- 1 patrol Shelter enclosure and roof, or 2 umbrellas but must supply adequate shade for the sizes of the patrol
- 1 complete First Aid Patrol Kit (refer SOP 7.4 – First Aid Equipment Requirements)
- 1 evacuation (Shark) flag
- 1 pair approved signal flags
- 2 Approved LSV radios and waterproof bags
- 1 operational IRB (includes tube, whistle, cell, rope, motor, etc.)
- 2 pair matched swim fins
- 1 Approved Oxygen Kit
- 1 Approved Defibrillator

Immediately available in Clubhouse

- 1 patrol log book (in radio room or where patrol members sign on and off). Only current type issued by LSV is acceptable.
- Spare IRB motor and fuel.
- Fully equipped first aid room accessible and open (refer SOP 7.4 – First Aid Equipment Requirements)
- Vehicle where available
- 1 Spinal Board
- Radio log book
- IRB log book / check list board
- "Warning Swimming Not Advised" sign
- "Caution Keep Clear Rescue Craft Access Area" sign
- Loud hailer or PA system
- 1 Evacuation (shark) alarm (bell or siren)
- LSV Standard Operating Procedures Manual
- LSV Policy Manual
- Report Forms (Incident and First Aid Logs)
- Sunscreen for members use

## Safety

### Equipment Damage

Due to unforeseen equipment damage it is recognised that the minimum equipment requirements may not be met. In this case the Patrol Captain/Club Captain should contact LSVComms who in turn will notify the relevant LSV Officers. The breach should be appropriately noted in the patrol logbook and steps taken to rectify the problem as soon as possible.

| <b>Reference</b>  |  |
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| Related Documents | LSV Gear and Inspection Audit Guide            |
|                   | LSV SOP 7.4 – First Aid Equipment Requirements |
|                   | SLSA Policy 1.06 - Gear & Equipment            |

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| <b>Authority</b>   |
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| The Life Saving Operations Council Executive has approved this SOP under section 8.3.6(e) of the Life Saving Victoria By-laws, 2019. |

