

# SOP 1.04 – Patrol Equipment Requirements

Section 1 – Volunteer Patrol Operations

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## Purpose

To outline the minimum standard of equipment required to conduct a successful beach patrol.

## Scope

All members of Life Saving Victoria.

## Procedures

**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 as per [Gear Inspection and Audit](#).
- 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

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### 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

### 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.

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