

# SOP 1.08 – Inclement Weather

Section 1 – Volunteer Patrol Operations

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## Purpose

To outline the minimum equipment/patrolling requirements for Life Saving Victoria members in times of inclement weather conditions.

## Scope

All active patrolling Life Saving Victoria members.

## Procedures

### Definitions

**Inclement weather** - When adverse weather conditions are such that no person is in or on the water in the defined area.

### Minimum Equipment on Beach

- A rescue tube with fins and or a rescue board.
- Red and Yellow Patrol Feather Flags are to be in place. Board Riders Flags (if applicable)
- Beach closed/swimming dangerous signs are **not** to be displayed.

### To be available within 2 minutes

- 1 rescue board.
- 1 rescue tube and swim fins.
- 1 operational IRB at water's edge.

### General Requirements

- LSVComms must be notified when a beach status is changed to inclement weather.
- At least two patrol members must be allocated to observe the beach at all times (observers), one of which must be a SLSA Bronze Medallion Certificate II Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) holder. Patrol or award members used as observers for patrol purposes must have a minimum qualification of a Surf Rescue Certificate.
- Minimum patrol strength as per [SOP 1.1 Volunteer Patrols Roles and Responsibilities](#) must still be observed.
- Should the public be swimming between the flags when the weather is inclement, the Patrol Captain should ensure that normal patrol requirements are met.

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