

SOP 8.02 – Patrol Uniforms

Section 8 – Obligations and Standards

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Purpose

To describe the procedure to be followed by applicable agency personnel involved in Patrol operations

Scope

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

Policy Statement

Life Saving Victoria requires all Members to adhere to the established policies, procedures and guidelines to ensure safe and effective practices relating to Patrol operations.

Definitions

Name	Definition
LSV	Life Saving Victoria



Procedure

Patrol Uniform

Minimum requirements:

The minimum requirements for the national lifesaving patrol uniform are defined as follows:

- Patrol shirt, as supplied by SLSA.
- Patrol shorts, as supplied by SLSA.
- A red- and yellow-quartered patrol cap.
- Swimming costume (if you will be entering the water).

Recommended requirements:

The recommended requirements of the uniform are defined as follows:

- Wide-brimmed hat or peaked cap.
- Sunglasses (when not in the water).
- Rash shirt when performing duties in the water.

- Any other uniform or personal protective equipment (PPE) that is required by other procedures.

Use of the Patrol Uniform

- All members undertaking patrol duties must wear the patrol uniform. This includes members undertaking patrolling/rescue duties and first aid operations.
- Members performing duties in the water are required to wear a patrol cap and swimming costume. It is highly recommended that a rash vest be worn for sun protection.
- Members performing water safety duties must wear a water safety uniform in accordance with the Water Safety Policy 1.1 and water safety procedure (refer to SOP 8.3 – Water Safety Procedures).
- Only members holding a current proficiency in the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue may wear the red- and yellow-quartered patrol cap. Those members who only hold another patrolling award are not permitted to wear the quartered patrol cap, however they must still wear the patrol shirt and shorts.
- The quartered patrol cap must be worn by the patrolling member at all times. Upon entering the water, the quartered patrol cap must be worn on the head and fastened underneath the chin.
- A wide-brimmed hat or peaked cap can be worn over the patrol cap while outdoors (except when in the water or using water rescue equipment).
- Patrol bum bags should be accessible at all times by members and contain the minimum patrol requirements as set out by the Gear Inspection and Audit Requirements.
- Any items of the SLSA patrol uniform must ONLY be worn while on patrol duty or when attending official surf lifesaving functions and community education activities such as media promotions of lifesaving.
- Members' uniforms should be clean, neat and tidy in appearance.

Reference	
Related Documents	Water Safety Policy 1.1
	SLSA Policy 1.05 - Patrol Uniforms
	SOP 8.3 - Water Safety Procedures

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