



Title	Paddling Health & Safety Policy	Policy No	PN-0033
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Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) is committed to the prevention of injury and ill health to its members, officials, volunteers and visitors within its operational environment. Health and Safety is an integral part of our philosophy and management systems. The policy has been developed to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and will be regularly reviewed with the aim of continually improving Health and Safety.

The objectives of the policy are to:

- prevent accidents and injury in the environments under its control
- protect from hazards which may arise out of their paddling environments or the conditions under which it is carried out
- provide and maintain safe paddling locations, equipment and training environments so that members, employees and visitors are not exposed to hazards
- comply with relevant OHS legislation, Codes of Practice and guidance material

Management at all levels are responsible for developing, implementing and maintaining a Health and Safety programme to eliminate hazards and or control the risks within our environment.

Members and Employees have a responsibility to ensure their own Health and Safety, the Health and Safety of others and to comply with instructions given.

Co-operation and consultation with members is a key factor to achieving the objectives of the policy.

The objectives of the Health and Safety programme are to:

- establish and maintain practices which are safe and reduce the risk to health.
- provide training, re-training, information, instruction and supervision for all employees and members to enable them to perform their duties safely
- develop procedures for hazard identification, risk assessment and to implement measures to control the risk.

The programme includes but is not limited to:

- Member information and training
- Safe systems and practices
- Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment and Control
- Accident/Incident Reporting, Recording and Investigation

Related Documents:

1. AusDBF Safety Manual - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>
2. Risk Management Policy, Procedure and Registers - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>
3. Risk Appetite Statements - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>
4. Concussion Policy - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>
5. Adverse Weather Conditions Guidelines - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>
6. Sun Protection Guidelines - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>