



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

POLICIES and OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MANUAL

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A3. ACTIVITY ACCOMMODATION POLICY.

A3.1 Mixed gender accommodation.

A3.1.1 Where a scouting activity requires both males and females to be accommodated overnight, males and females shall not, in principle share the same facilities.

A3.1.1.1 Circumstances may arise in which separate accommodation for males and females cannot be provided. In such cases the activity leader should advise each participant of the lack of separate facilities prior to the commencement of the activity.

A3.1.1.2 Irrespective of the circumstances, there should be a clear physical separation between males and females.

Adult/Youth member activity accommodation.

A3.1.2 Separate accommodation must be provided for youth and adult members on overnight scouting activities, except in the circumstances listed in A3.1.2.1.

A3.1.2.1 An exception to the general requirement for separate accommodation may be made in the certain circumstances.

- a) Cub scout accommodation in halls, where the presence of one or more leaders may be desirable for supervision/security.
- b) Accommodation of the pack/troop etc., in a hall, marquee, cave or similar communal facility.
- c) Accommodation shared by members of the same family. There should always be a clear physical separation between adult and youth members and whenever possible a physical division (eg a screen) should be provided.

A3.1.2.2 In emergency situations (eg hypothermia) treatment by direct body contact should be provided to youth members by youth members rather than adult members.

A3.1.2.3 Under no circumstances should an adult member ever share accommodation with one youth member only.

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