



**Scout Association of Australia  
WA Branch**

**Duty of Care Policy**

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## **1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this Policy is to state the commitment of Scouts WA:

- to the safety and protection of all its youth and adult members, employees and other persons who participate in activities conducted by Scouts WA;
- to ensuring that persons who participate in activities conducted by Scouts WA do so in an environment free from unacceptable behaviour including harassment, abuse, discrimination and bullying.

## **2. POLICY STATEMENT**

- (a) Scouts WA requires that all activities it conducts be carried out in a manner which ensures, to the extent reasonably practicable, the safety and protection of all of its youth and adult members, employees and other persons who participate in such activities. In fulfilment of this policy Scouts WA must do everything it can reasonably practicably do to prevent harm to any person participating in activities conducted by Scouts WA.
- (b) Scouts WA requires that all activities it conducts be carried out in an environment free from unacceptable behaviour including harassment, abuse, discrimination and bullying. Physical, emotional, psychological, sexual or other abuse of persons who participate in scouting activities will not be tolerated. Scouts WA has zero tolerance for any such abuse including child abuse.
- (c) Scouts WA requires all persons participating in activities conducted by Scouts WA to comply with this Policy.

## **3. OPERATING PROCEDURES**

The Chief Commissioner shall be responsible for the formulation and implementation of operating procedures which are consistent with this Policy.

## **4. REVIEW**

This Policy shall be reviewed every three years by the Policy and Strategic Directions Committee (PSDC). The PSDC shall provide a report to the Board, together with any recommendations arising from the review.

## **5. APPROVAL**

This Policy was approved by the Board of Scouts WA on 9 August 2011.