

Surf Life Saving New Zealand – Lifesaving Policy Statement

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PURPOSE

To provide policy and procedure for SLS vehicle use on beaches and foreshores.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Surf Life Saving Clubs / Lifesaving Services operating a patrol.

BACKGROUND

As the experts in coastal and aquatic safety, lifeguards are consistently responded to a range of land and water based emergencies 24/7 all through the year. The use of ATV's on the beach/coastline are an essential part of that service provision.

POLICY

All ATV Quad Bike & LUV Side-by-Side operators must hold a current motorcycle or driver's license (restricted or full).

All ATV (Quad Bike) operators must wear an approved helmet when operating an ATV (Quad Bike).

All LUV Side-by-Side operators and passengers travelling in an LUV Side-by-Side with a fully enclosed roll cage must wear their seat belt when it is in operation, an approved helmet must be worn when it is in operation travelling over 30km/h.

Whilst it is not a legal requirement, SLSNZ recommends that operators & passengers wear an approved helmet when operating an LUV Side-by-Side. Clubs must also ensure that they abide by the owners/operators manual relating to the specific make/model of LUV Side-by-Side as some mandate the use of helmets.

The vehicle shall carry the following lifesaving equipment:

- a. First Aid and resuscitation equipment
- b. Rescue Tube and swim fins
- c. Handheld radio protected by a waterproof pouch or base radio mounted to the vehicle

The vehicle is recommended to carry the following lifesaving equipment:

- a. Loud Hailer / PA System
- b. Reversing beeper

It is the responsibility of the clubs operating ATV's to have them registered and licensed under Registration class EA for 6 to 15 months at a time. This is important and can affect insurance.

Forms may be collected from the AA, AMI, Vehicle Testing NZ and Vehicle Inspection NZ. Phone the Motor Registration Centre on 0800 108 809 if you have any queries. Although not requiring a warrant of fitness, certain equipment must be maintained to WOF standard.

ATV Operating Procedures refer to the "POM Section A" 5.10 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV Quad Bike and/or LUV Side-by-Side)