

NT001-20 National Operations Circular - Safety, Welfare & Risk

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To: All club boards, chairs and others responsible for leading or managing member safety, welfare and risk management

From: National Safety, Welfare & Risk Manager

Description: SLSNZ Operational Risk Assessment APP

Action Requested: Encourage all PCs, Deputy PCs, Instructors, ECOS, Coaches and H&S Officers to use this trial APP ASAP

What is happening?

SLSNZ has recently developed a trial online Operational Risk Assessment (ORA) APP ahead of developing a long term solution for all SLSNZ and Club operational tasks, e.g. patrols, lifeguard training, surf sports training, beach education and ECOS.

Why is it happening?

Investigations into recent events where members and or the public have been harmed have identified that we need to improve and monitor our risk assessment practices. The ORA APP is designed to help educate and encourage staff and members to make sound risk assessment decisions. The APP can be used to notify selected personnel of decisions made and in some instances such as emergency call-out situations, will automatically notify regional and national personnel of the location and type of incident.

When is it happening?

The ORA APP is available immediately for the following club/staff/volunteer roles free of charge until the end of the 2020/21 season:

- Instructors
- Patrol Captains
- Deputy Patrol Captains
- Coaches
- Callout squads (ECOS)
- H&S Officers
- Beach Ed Lead Instructor
- Beach Ed. Instructor

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- Regional Lifeguard PC
- SLSNZ Staff

What does it mean to me?

If you fit any of the above-mentioned roles or one of the following SLSNZ roles, then you should immediately contact your Club Administrator who has a copy of the ORA APP set up file. Once all the designated club users have been correctly included, Club Administrators should email this the file to SLSNZ's [Safety, Welfare and Risk Manager](#).

Please direct any questions to;

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