

SECTION 4

VEHICLE OPERATIONS



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Beach vehicle use - NSOP

Section 4 – Vehicle Operations

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1.0 PURPOSE

To outline the safe use and operation of all vehicle types on beaches.

2.0 SCOPE

All SLSNZ vehicle operations on beaches including the use of

- Licensed road vehicles e.g. SLS utes
- ATVs, LUVS and other side by side options
- Tractors

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

Required PPE	Helmets as per SLSNZ Policy
Awards/Licences	The beach is a public road and therefore vehicle operators must hold an appropriate license and follow the NZ Road Rules and abide by conditions of the Land Transport Act (1998)
Training	Induction to vehicles (for example for volunteers at SLSNZ events or those in the Paid Lifeguard Service) Beach terrain training e.g. ATV or 4x4 driver training.
Other	Must wear seat belts where fitted. Must follow manufactures guide on load/passenger limits. Be aware of hot exhaust while un/hooking trailer
Equipment (required)	First Aid Kit (SLSNZ Standard) Rescue Tube and swim fins Handheld radio protected by a waterproof pouch
Equipment (optional)	Loud hailer/PA System Reversing beeper AED Light Bar (amber only)

4.0 PROCEDURES

- 4.1 Complete the vehicle pre-inspection checklist to ensure the vehicle is operational



ready.

- 4.2 Check fuel level to ensure there is enough for the anticipated journey
- 4.3 Check that cargo is properly and safely distributed and securely attached.
- 4.4 Turn headlights and hazard lights on while operating the beach vehicle
- 4.5 When towing, reduce speed and follow instructions for carrying cargo or towing a trailer. Allow greater distances for braking.
- 4.6 Do not exceed any set beach speed limits set by authorities.
- 4.7 In high patronage areas, do not exceed walking speed (i.e. 5kph - close to flagged areas, on crowded beach areas).
- 4.8 In low patronage areas, never exceed 30kph and do not use excessive speed
- 4.9 Speed shall only be used in an emergency situation or matter of urgency and at all times the driver must take every precaution to ensure the safety of themselves, passengers and all other beach users
- 4.10 During high patronage days, cones should be used to designate a vehicle zone through relevant areas (from tower to flags/water's edge/low patronage area).
- 4.11 Vehicles are to keep to one set of tracks below the waterline where possible.
- 4.12 Sponsorship signage should not interfere with the visibility of identification and safety information labels.

Lifesaving equipment pre inspection checklist

- First Aid kit – refer to First Aid Kit check list
- Resuscitation equipment – refer to First Aid kit guide
- Rescue tube
- Swim fins
- Handheld radio protected by a waterproof pouch and/or base radio mounted to the vehicle



Vehicle Pre-use Inspection - NSOP

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1.0 PURPOSE

Identify the vehicle items that require inspection prior to use to ensure that it is safe for SLS operations.

2.0 SCOPE

A vehicle inspection is to be completed before use of the vehicle.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

Required PPE	Refer to Beach Vehicles NSOP
Awards/Licenses	Refer to Beach Vehicles NSOP
Training	Refer to Beach Vehicles NSOP
Other	N/A
Equipment	N/A

4.0 INTRODUCTION

Only those members with the correct licence, training and competency are permitted to use vehicles during SLS operations.

5.0 PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Complete Vehicle Safety Inspection Log either below or in the SLSNZ Health and Safety app.
- 5.2 Advise the Patrol Captain or another designated person of any faults and/or safety issues.
- 5.3 If unsafe to use, place a **DO NOT USE** tag on the steering wheel.



SLSNZ Vehicle Safety Inspection Log

Date		Vehicle Type	ATV	Ute	Other
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Registration #		Licence Expiry Date	
WoF Expiry Date		Odometer Reading	

Are there any previous safety issues entered in the log?	YES	NO	N/A
Are all the head lights working?	YES	NO	N/A
Are all the brake lights working?	YES	NO	N/A
Do all the indicators work?	YES	NO	N/A
Does the window wiper/s work (if applicable to vehicle)?	YES	NO	N/A
The tyre tread and depth is minimum 1.5mm around the entire tyre.	YES	NO	N/A
Do the tyres appear to have sufficient air? Check shape.	YES	NO	N/A
Vehicle Road User Chargers are up to date (if applicable).	YES	NO	N/A
Does the horn work (if applicable to vehicle)?	YES	NO	N/A
Are all provided seat belts working?	YES	NO	N/A
Is there enough fuel in the vehicle for the expected travel journey?	YES	NO	N/A
Can all the doors and/or tail gate latch and secure properly?	YES	NO	N/A
Check the helmets to ensure that they are fit for propose, in working order and place into the vehicle ready for use (if applicable to vehicle).	YES	NO	N/A
Check the radio is working and/or place handset into the vehicle (if applicable to vehicle).	YES	NO	N/A

Lifeguard Equipment Checklist

Is a First Aid kit in the vehicle with all the required contents?	YES	NO	N/A
Is there a functional AED in the vehicle?	YES	NO	N/A
Is there a rescue tube and fins in the vehicle?	YES	NO	N/A
Is there a suitable rescue board safely attached to the vehicle?	YES	NO	N/A