

WATER SAFETY QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Keep this on hand during every session. Designed to be printed, laminated, and kept with your Water Safety kit.

Supervision ratios

Activity	Ratio	Source
Water-based activities	Low Risk – 1 Water Safety : 10 Nippers Low-Mid Risk and above - 1 Water Safety : 5 Nippers	SLSA Water Safety Policy
On-beach activities	2 leaders : 20 participants	SLSA guidelines

Water Safety qualifications

Qualification	What it allows
Bronze Medallion	Full Water Safety duties. Can be rostered as primary Water Safety personnel.
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)	Full Water Safety duties. Can be rostered as primary Water Safety personnel. Available from age 13.
Nipper Safety Assistant (NSA)	Can assist Water Safety personnel during Nippers with a SRR rating of Low. Can assist with U6-U8 and accommodate a maximum of 50% of water safety numbers.

Emergency escalation

Step	Action	Detail
1	Secure the scene	Remove children from danger. Clear the water if necessary. Account for all Nippers.
2	Alert the WSS	The Water Safety Supervisor has command and control of the situation until a Patrol Captain, Lifeguard, or emergency services arrive and take over.
3	Call for help	Contact Patrol Captain or Lifeguard (if patrolled beach). For serious emergencies: call 000 immediately.
4	First aid	Administer first aid if trained. Notify the patrol if required. Notify the child's parent immediately.
5	Report	Report all incidents to your JAC after the session. Complete any required incident report forms.

Key contacts (fill in for your club)

Role	Name / number
Water Safety Supervisor	
Junior Activities Chairperson (JAC)	
Patrol Captain	
Club First Aid Officer	
Club President / duty officer	
Branch JA contact	
Emergency services	

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