

## SECTION 7 SCOUTSAFE

### 7.12 SUN SAFE POLICY

7.12.1.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>
	<p>The health, safety and welfare of our Members is of paramount importance. These guidelines are in place to protect Members from the risks of UV radiation.</p> <p>In the harsh Queensland climate The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc., adheres to its duty of care in relation to sun protection and is committed to promoting solar protection practices in an endeavour to reduce UV radiation risks to Members, Leaders, employees and volunteers.</p>
7.12.2.	<b>POLICY</b>
	<p>We encourage all members, including Leaders and parents, modelling of appropriate sun safe practices.</p> <p>Appropriate skin protection clothing is included in the Scout uniform which includes wearing of hats and collared shirts.</p> <p>Due to the Queensland climatic conditions, a hat, preferably with a broad brim (Johnson style navy blue felt hat and or Scout cloth hat), will be worn during daylight hours. This includes outdoor activities on camps, excursions and official duties.</p> <p>Scout uniforms provide protection for users from UV radiation however, when not in uniform, Members are encouraged to wear sun safe clothing for daytime outdoor activities.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to wear sunscreen and sunscreen is made available by the Scout Group.</p> <p>Minimum camp clothing is to take into consideration the weather, sun protection and foot protection. This is a hat, shirt (no singlet tops), shorts or skirt, and shoes. Queensland Branch arranged camps usually includes the provision of a collared shirt and wide brimmed hat in the participation fees.</p> <p>When swimming all Members must be properly protected against exposure to the sun.</p> <p>When participating in outdoor activities Members are encouraged to find shaded areas in which to work and Leaders are aware of the need to provide Members with appropriate opportunities for shade when planning activities.</p> <p>Scout Groups are encouraged to invest in the installation of appropriate sun shade structures at Scout dens to provide areas of shade for Scouting activities.</p> <p>Leaders provide education that promotes personal responsibility for sun safety and provide environments that support sun safety practices.</p> <p><i>This policy is in line with the Cancer Council Queensland website and the Workplace Health and Safety Act.</i></p>