



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular

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## Get ready for – Safety First!

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<b>Department</b> Lifesaving	
<b>Summary</b> <b>This circular is provided to let you know about the imminent release of the <i>Safety First!</i> campaign.</b>	
<b>Action: Clubs and services should “watch out” for the <i>Safety First!</i> Kit provided by their state centre or in the mail during September 2008</b>	

The start of the 2008/09 season will see SLSA and its State Centres embark on a major member safety campaign. The campaign “*Safety First!*” will target member safety via a number of promotional resources and tools.



The *Guidelines for Safer Surf Clubs* have been updated and will now sit in four guides designed to provide you with the tools you need to manage your club or service safely.

The four guides include:

- Volume 1 – Overview of Health and Safety
- Volume 2 – Risk Assessment and Management
- Volume 3 – Safe Surf Club Practices and supplementary information
- Volume 4 – Event Sanctioning and Management

Volume 1 will get you started with an overview of health and safety issues within Surf Lifesaving. It will provide you with a snapshot of what you need to do across the many areas of practice and legislation. This guide is aimed at club officers, patrol captains and training officers. If you are planning a start of season conference for your members, aim to include a discussion about the contents of this guide.



Volume 2 has the theory and tools you need to conduct a risk assessment of your club or service. The guide is designed for the club/service risk assessor.

Volume 3 provides supplementary information such as building evacuation plans, manual handling, hazardous substances etc. along with other information that will assist the safety officer.

Volume 4 provides information on Special Event Sanctioning and Management. It provides the application forms and templates required to gain approval for a special event.

Several other resources also accompany this series including:

- Member information brochure – providing a brief guide on safety and wellbeing for all members
- Safety First! - Awareness posters
- Safety First! – Awareness stickers
- Training Course information for Club Safety Officers
- Club Self Audit check list to check if you have complied with organisational requirements.

A detailed information circular will be contained with the kit and posted on the SLSA website mid September 2008. Many of the resource will also be available on the SLSA secure web site.

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