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| To: | Clubs, Captains, Nippers |
| From: | Simon Torsellini, Director of Lifesaving & Education |
| CC: | Presidents, BOM, LSEC, JDC |
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| Subject: | Missing Child Scenario |

Further to pre season meeting where all Club Captains were in favour of conducting at least one scenario prior to 31/12/2015, this memo is a reminder for this task to be actioned by Clubs.

Branch Lifesaving & Education Committee encourages Clubs to conduct a practice exercise of a missing child scenario during a nipper activity during the season.

The Branch Director of Lifesaving is required to be advised of dates and times when Clubs are planning to schedule this practice exercise, as a Branch Duty Officer needs to be in attendance.

Below is an extract from the Coogee SLSC Safety & Rescue Plan issued in 2013 which can be used as a guide for the process of the scenario.

Clubs are asked to email dates of their proposed scenario to :
dol@surflifesavingsydney.com.au & SOM@surflifesavingsydney.com.au

Regards

Simon Torsellini

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING & EDUCATION

Lost / Submerged Patient

- This situation may be witnessed or determined as a result of a discrepancy in "Count In, Count Out". Could be signalled via "Code X" signal from water safety personnel. Immediately alarm must be raised with WSS.
- WSS to notify Patrol & Lifeguards immediately
- All water areas to be cleared ASAP by Age Managers and Water Safety Personnel.
- All children must be moved to the back of the beach as age groups
- People who last sighted patient to be identified and brought to WSS – it is imperative as much information is collected as soon as possible
- Parents to be identified and informed in a calm manner
- No SLSA qualified personnel are to go into the water or attend the rescue situation unless tasked.
- WSS and Patrol/Lifeguards will determine a last known position and the possible influence of known currents
- When this is confirmed, IRB/s and/or boards will be tasked to conduct immediate search at last known position if
in water deeper than standing depth
- All available Water Safety Personnel to report to water's edge near IRB Launch area ready to search if instructed.
- If required WSS/PC/LG will instruct Water Safety Personnel to conduct a line search
- Patient to be recovered to shore as quickly as possible, DRSABCD
- When Patrol &/or Lifeguards have attended, Water Safety to follow all directions
- Patrol will fill in an Incident Report. If no Patrol, WSS is to fill in an Incident Report
- Club Captain & Randwick Duty Officer to be informed to responds to Operational Stress concerns