

Common injuries



drowning
marine
stingers

respiratory issues
decompression illness
cardiac arrhythmia

In year ending
March 2016,
1.3 million
international and domestic
overnight
visitors went
diving and/or
snorkelling in
Queensland*



Period 2010-2016**

- 133 snorkelling and diving incidents (59 diving and 74 snorkelling)
- 42 fatalities – 34 snorkelling and 8 diving
- 87% fatalities in adventure tourism are from diving and snorkelling
- 14 fatalities – primary cause drowning
- 19 fatalities – medical condition was the primary factor
- 87% snorkelling and diving fatalities investigated involved international visitors.

*Tourism Research Australia

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Recreational diving and snorkelling in Queensland Action Plan 2017-2019

Focus areas



Recreational diving

Action Areas ¹	National strategic outcomes	What we will deliver in 2017-2019
Health and safety by design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work processes and systems of work are designed and managed to eliminate or minimise hazards and risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share and promote current research, safety guidance tools and resources to assist industry to improve safe systems of work in relation to recreational dive and snorkelling activities.
Supply chains and networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply chain network participants understand their cumulative impact and actively improve the health and safety of the supply chain. Industry leaders champion work health and safety in supply chains and networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage industry network groups to champion safety improvements and contribute to improvements to safe dive and snorkelling planning.
Health and safety capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone in a workplace has the work health and safety capabilities they require. Those providing work health and safety education, training and advice have the appropriate capabilities. Inspectors and other staff of work health and safety regulators have the work health and safety capabilities to effectively perform their role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with industry to develop a register of recreational dive and snorkelling operators to improve dissemination of safety information and regulatory compliance, and strengthen safety management framework. Develop inspector's capabilities on effective and efficient notification response to recreational dive and snorkelling incidents.
Leadership and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and their leaders drive improved work health and safety. Organisational leaders foster a culture of consultation and collaboration which actively improves work health and safety. Health and safety is given priority in all work processes and decisions. 	<p>Actively drive industry and organisational leaders to enhance understanding of contributing risk factors to dive and snorkelling activities to better inform how to manage risk including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cultural differences medical assessments and perception of risks.
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government exemplify good work health and safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support research in risks of diving and snorkelling for all participants, considering pre-existing medical conditions, equipment and environmental factors.
Responsive and effective regulatory framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation, policies and regulatory practice are reviewed and monitored to ensure they are responsive and effective. Relationships between regulators and all who have a stake in work health and safety are effective, constructive, transparent and accountable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with industry and government groups to review and improve regulatory practice in response to national and international trends and research. Promote dive/snorkelling guidance prepared in non-English language to better inform consulates and inbound tourism providers. Monitor level of compliance with legislative requirements.

¹ Safe Work Australia Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022.