



Northern Territory

POLICY

Smoke Free Policy

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Last Amended	June 2025

Position Statement

Smoking is now banned in many public spaces including parks and beaches in some states. SLSA does not allow members to smoke while undertaking their lifesaving duties and asks that members refrain from the practice when engaged in official lifesaving events such as club meetings, carnivals, presentations, and patrols.

SLSA recommends that all organisations bound by this policy must adhere to relevant legislation and Local Government regulations in relation to smoking requirements

Purpose

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) recognises the negative health impact that tobacco smoke, including environmental tobacco smoke, has on members and all others exposed to it. Tobacco smoking increases the risk of cancers, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and other illnesses.

This Smoke Free Policy aims to protect and promote the best health outcomes for members and the public during all Surf Life Saving activities. The Policy has been developed to:

- Safeguard our members against the health impacts of tobacco smoke, including environmental tobacco smoke,
- Promote the avoidance of smoking through attitudinal and behavioural change,
- Encourage and support members to quit smoking through cessation services and programs,
- Ensure compliance with the *Tobacco Control Act* and Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

Smoking Areas

Smoking is not permitted in Surf Life Saving buildings and facilities. Where appropriate, an outdoor smoking area will be identified that complies with NT Government regulations.

Policy Communication & Promotion

Effective communication of this Policy is vital in establishing acceptance by members, minimising policy breaches and providing an environment safe from tobacco smoke-related harm. SLSNT will promote the Smoke Free Policy by:

- Promoting a smoke-free lifestyle in all sport and recreation activities,
- Ensuring affiliated clubs comply with NT Regulations

Policy Review

This policy must be reviewed at least annually.