

Spinal Management

Course Description

The aim of this course is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to manage injured casualties with suspected spinal injuries in an aquatic environment and in emergency situations.

Award

Upon successful completion of this course participants will receive the SLSA Spinal Management award and a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment for the following unit of competency:

- PUAEME004A Provide emergency care for suspected spinal injury

This unit of competency derives from the Certificate III in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue) PUA31312.

Course content

- Describe the possible causes of spinal injuries
- Identify suspected spinal injuries
- Describe and demonstrate the management of neck and spinal injuries
- Evaluate the need to move a casualty with suspected spinal injuries
- Prepare casualty for transport
- Demonstrate how to move a casualty with suspected spinal injuries
- Perform casualty handover

Entry Requirements

- Participants must be a minimum of 15 years of age on the date of final assessment.
- Participants must hold one of the following units of competency:
 - HLTF A211B Provide basic emergency life support OR
 - HLTF A311A Apply First Aid
- Participants must meet one of the following SLSA requirements:
 - Hold a current SLSA Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
 - Hold a current Apply (Senior) First Aid Certificate (CPR component must have been updated in the last 12 months)

General Information

The duration of the course is approximately 7-8 hours.

To ensure your skills and knowledge remain current, re-certification is recommended to occur annually from the date of the final assessment.





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Assessment

Assessment is through demonstration, presentation and application of all elements of competency in the work-place. Participants will be required to complete activities that may include role-plays, oral and written questioning, practical demonstrations and performing scenarios.

Course Enquiries

Direct your course enquiries to your **Chief Training Officer** at your club. If you have a general enquiry or are not a Surf Club member, please contact the **Training Hotline (1300 766 257)**.



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