

Release of Western Australian Adventure Activity Standard Four Wheel Driving Version 3.0 – update.



The WA Adventure Activity Standard for Four Wheel Driving has been reviewed and revised resulting in a current set of guidelines to support four wheel driving activities.

The review process progressed over two years and included open public consultation. Feedback was then considered by a Technical Working Group of activity experts and ratified by the WA Industry Standards Panel.

These voluntary standards provide a common benchmark for activity providers reflecting the minimum industry requirements and responsibilities for organisations and leaders conducting outdoor adventure activities for dependent groups.

The new standard is: **Four Wheel Driving Version 3.0**

Summary of changes

A summary of changes is outlined below. It is recommended that organisations take the finalised standard and use it to review their own practices and procedures.

Summary List of Changes – Four Wheel Driving

- Deleted reference to desirability of non-commercial groups and clubs adopting the Standards
- Added reference to guiding the development of Safety Management Systems as an AAS purpose
- Added reference to the value of the AAS in reducing financial and reputational risk and the reducing the risk of additional legislative or regulatory controls
- Deleted 'commercial' from activity description
- Clarified that 'tag-along tours' can be commercial, club or social based
- Added recommendation that details of participant medication should be written and available in vehicle glove box even in situations where participants elect not to disclose this information
- Added 'Spares, recovery and communications equipment available' to group profile section of Risk Management Plan
- Added reference to checking for crocodiles in northern areas of WA
- Redefined Recognition of Leaders for consistency with other Standards and to recognise different methods of attaining competence
- Clarified that Commercial Operator's Licence is required if operating a commercial activity on land managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife
- Added reference to obtaining a Non-Commercial Event Permit where required
- Added requirement to comply with all relevant legislation and Codes of Practice
- Replaced 'Heavy duty tow recovery points' with 'Heavy duty rated recovery points'
- Deleted 'Dynamic recovery strap (minimum 2 per group)
- Added 'Under wheel recovery boards such as MaxTrax or TREDs
- Added '1 x personal first aid kit per vehicle, checked at least annually' in Participant's Equipment
- Added 'fire extinguisher' in Participant's Equipment

The full set of WA Adventure Activity Standards and supporting resources can be downloaded from the Outdoors WA website at <http://www.outdoorswa.org.au/Industry/aas>

Future standards

The WA Adventure Activity Standards are one tool supporting safety in the outdoors in WA. There is currently a project underway to align all state Adventure Activity Standards into Australian Adventure Activity Standards. Each state will maintain their own standards until these national standards are completed. More details on the Australian AAS can be found at <http://australianaas.org.au/>

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