

10.7.2 - CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

There is inherent danger to participants in construction activities if the activity is not performed in a controlled, safe manner.

Leaders in Scouting need to be aware of the inherent dangers and have the skills required to minimise risks.

This policy and associated *Activity Guidelines* are intended:

- to provide guidelines for carrying out pioneering construction activities safely;
- to lay down rules for the maintenance of safety standards within the program needs of the Association.

2. APPLICATION

This policy shall apply to construction activities using pioneering techniques, that is building structures using ropes, poles, spars and/or tackle. It includes within its scope construction of the following structures, but is not limited to them:

- towers carrying or supporting people more than 1.5 metres from the ground;
- flying-fox and other ropeways under tension (including monkey bridges);
- construction of apparatus intended to propel a missile.

3. EQUIPMENT

3.1 The Branch Construction Committee will specify:

- safety standards for equipment where considered necessary;
- safety standards for clothing when considered necessary; and,
- management practices for the Association's equipment.

3.2 The equipment standards referred to above shall be incorporated into *Activity Guidelines* issued by the Construction Committee in conjunction with this policy.

4. QUALIFICATIONS

4.1 The Construction Committee will specify requirements for qualifications in accordance with National Activity Leader Training Standards.

4.2 Competency Levels are as follows

◆ Activity Leader, Level 1 General pioneering construction

Construction:

- NOT designed to carry or support people more than 1.5 metres above the ground;
- NOT using ropes under tension;
- NOT intended to propel a missile.

Qualification for this level is covered as a component of sectional training.

◆ **Activity Leader, Level 2 General (main-line) pioneering construction (excluding ropes under tension)**

Includes structures carrying or supporting people higher than 1.5 and up to 2.5 metres from the ground, and structures designed to launch a missile

◆ **Activity Leader, Level 3 Advanced pioneering construction**

Includes any structure requiring the use of ropes under tension *eg* using ropes tensioned with block and tackle - such as flying-foxes and other ropeways (including monkey bridges). Included are structures designed to carry or support persons higher than 2.5 metres from the ground or spanning a distance greater than 10 meters or which are of a complex or highly technical nature.

4.3 The Chair of the Construction Committee is to ensure a record, (including addresses) is maintained at the Branch Office of all past and current certificates qualifying members at Activity Leader Level 2 and/or Level 3.

4.4 All Activity Leader certificates for activities covered by this policy shall be limited to three years. Certificates may be extended for further periods of three years by undertaking a demonstration of technical skills and knowledge at a re-qualification session or an activity at which an Accredited Assessor is present.

4.5 Certificates of qualification will be issued in accordance with the *Activity Guidelines* issued in conjunction with this policy

5 CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES

The requirements for the conduct of activities will be incorporated into *Activity Guidelines* issued in conjunction with this policy, subject to amendment from time to time by the Construction Committee and approved by the ACT Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities.

AUTHORITY

This Policy Statement was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 28 February 2001.