

**POLICY NO: M - 002**

**POLICY: TYPES OF OXYGEN EQUIPMENT**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

As a general rule oxygen equipment marketed in Australia is safe but when this equipment is being used by first aiders within The Royal Life Saving Society it is important that certain minimum standards be met.

## **2. POLICY**

- 2.1 All equipment shall conform to the current relevant Australian Standards on resuscitators, masks, adjuncts to resuscitation, etc. These standards are being regularly updated by the Standards Association.
- 2.2 All equipment shall be stored and maintained as set out in the Society's Oxygen Handbook.
- 2.3 The advanced oxygen award (Oxygen Equipment Award) is designed only for a few members of the first aid community who have both access to the equipment and the opportunity to practise frequently. Those not in this category are encouraged to concentrate on and regularly update their oxygen resuscitation awards.
- 2.4 All equipment shall be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.
- 2.5 Oxygen equipment shall only be operated by qualified persons.