NATIONAL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY BENCHMARKS

EVERY AUSTRALIAN AT THE AGE OF 6 YEARS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:



Identify rules for safe behaviour at aquatic environments at or near the home



Enter and exit shallow water unassisted



Float and recover to a standing or secure position



Move continuously for 5 metres



Submerge the body and move through an obstacle



Identify people and actions to help in an aquatic emergency



Perform a survival sequence to simulate an accidental entry

EVERY AUSTRALIAN AT THE AGE OF 12 YEARS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:



Understand and respect safety rules for a range of aquatic environments



Enter and exit the water for a range of environments



Float, scull or tread water for 2 minutes and signal for help



Swim continuously for 50 metres



Surface dive, swim underwater and search to recover an object from deep water



Respond to an emergency and perform a primary assessment



Rescue a person using a non-swimming rescue technique with non-rigid aids



Perform a survival sequence wearing light clothing

50% OF ALL AUSTRALIANS AT THE AGE OF 17 YEARS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:





















- Understand behaviours that affect personal safety in aquatic environments and activities
- Assist others to exit deep water using bystanders
- Float, scull or tread water for 5 minutes and signal for help
- Swim continuously for 400 metres
- Search in a deep water environment and recover a person
- Respond to an emergency and provide first aid
- Rescue an unconscious person in deep water
- Perform a survival sequence wearing heavy clothing