

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The purpose of these Guidelines is to provide assistance to Leaders in deciding whether or not to participate in any particular commercially run activity.

Leaders must be aware that commercially run activities are not controlled by the Association, and that the responsibility for the choice of activity, and the care of the youth members, ultimately lies with the Section Leader.

1. APPLICATION

These Guidelines apply to all activities:

- a) run by persons or organisations outside the Association, and
- b) where the activity or event is provided for a fee, or in-kind, and
- c) where there is a measurable risk to the participant.

Only the Chief Commissioner may determine whether any particular activity is not subject to these Guidelines.

2. YOUTH ISSUES

The activity should be appropriate to the physical and emotional development of the participant, should be of benefit to the participant, and represent quality of experience equal to activities provided within the Scouting program.

3. LEADER ISSUES

- 3.1 The activity should reflect the Aims, Principles and Methods of the Association, and should not present practices contrary to the Association's Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 The activity should be conducted in a manner similar to, and with standards comparable to, any similar Scouting activity.
- 3.3 Parents should be made aware of the nature, and risk, of the activity, as required by the Activity Notification Procedures.
- 3.4 A Section Leader must be present at the activity.
- 3.5 If at any time the Leader considers that the activity is unsafe or inappropriate for youth members, it must be discontinued.

4. LEGAL ISSUES

- 4.1 The commercial activity provider must be registered, accredited or recognised as a provider of the activity
- 4.2 The safe management of commercially run activities is to be the responsibility of the activity provider.
- 4.3 Leaders should be satisfied that the provider of the activity carries appropriate insurance. Copies of the activity provider's current Insurance Policies should be sighted.
- 4.4 If the Leader has any doubts as to the suitability or validity of the provider's Insurances, copies should be obtained and sent to the Chief Executive at the State Office for inspection and approval. This procedure is mandatory if an activity is to be participated in on a regular basis.
- 4.5 Nothing in these Guidelines infers endorsement of any activity provider by the Association.
- 4.6 Failure to consider any relevant State Policy or Guideline may affect the Association's insurance cover in the event of a claim.

Any Leader in doubt about any aspect of these Guidelines should contact the State Commissioner (Adventurous Activities) or the Chief Executive for further advice.