



SAFETY

BULLETIN!

Bulletin #2

Operation of Vehicles and Buggies on Private Property

We recently had an incident where an unlicensed youth member was driving a vehicle at an overnight campsite. The Venturer was involved in an accident which caused serious injury which required a period of hospitalisation and months of rehabilitation ahead.

Driving a vehicle is statistically the most dangerous activity that many of us are involved in during our lives. These risks are increased when we see the use of vehicles by unlicensed and inexperienced drivers who have not been properly trained in the safe use of a particular class of vehicle.

Scout members and visitors who are driving on public or private land must be competent in order to operate a specific motor vehicle. Competence can be determined by a combination of:
Holding an appropriate vehicle driver licence or being licenced to operate a similar class of vehicle on public roads; and
Providing drivers with sufficient instruction to operate the specific vehicle in a safe manner.
In addition to road-going vehicles, this applies to all powered motor vehicles such as forklifts, mobile plant, golf carts, tractors and buggies being operated on private land such as campsites.

For clarity, Learner Permits are not considered licenses although specific driver education programs can be run under the direct supervision of licensed and trained drivers in conjunction with the Scouts Victoria 4WD Team, Motorsport Australia or private providers such as go-cart operators.

The Leader in Charge (LIC) of an event or activity where motor vehicles are being operated must ensure that drivers are licenced, trained and competent to operate the specific vehicle.

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