

Snorkel Induction



Snorkel Site



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Hazard & Risk



- Entry & Exit
- Tide
- Depth
- Visibility
- Marine life

Be careful not to stand on coral while doing this.



Protocols for snorkeling

- **ALL** snorkeling activities must be written on the “Snorkeling Log”
- Tow a float with radio (if no boat is used)
- Must know basic SCUBA hand signals (OK etc)
- Buddy pairs (ideally 2 pax only, 3 pax max)
- Tell a supervisor if you feel uncomfortable (eg. cold)
- Don't participate in diving or snorkeling if you are ill (eg congested).
- A stinger suit or wet suit is mandatory during the stinger season and highly recommended the rest of the year

Roles

Snorkel Supervisor

- Ensure that all activities are conducted in accordance with JCU procedures
- Ensure risk control measures are implemented at the site
- Ensure buddy pairs have been assigned
- Ensure 'at risk' snorkelers can be easily identified in the water
- Ensure other staff members (lookouts, rescuers and first aid providers) have been appointed and positioned appropriately at the site
- Ensure emergency management plans are well communicated to other supervisory staff, and can be enacted quickly and effectively
- If required, provide first aid to a casualty, or direct a competent person to provide first aid, and assist as necessary

Protocols for Snorkel Activities

Buddy system is to be used for snorkelers

Snorkel activities to be written on “Snorkel Log Sheet”

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Snorkeling Log

Date:	
Group:	
Supervisor:	
Location:	
Person count before going to site:	
Person count before leaving site:	



Surname	First name	Gr	Time In	Time Out	Initial
		1			
		1			
		2			
		2			
		3			
		3			

Lookout

- Be positioned
- Continually scan and observe the whole area and snorkelers effectively
- Observe and help persons with entry and egress
- If required, either rescues a person or directs a person to conduct a rescue
- If necessary, have access to binoculars and polarized sunglasses
- Be aware of breath-hold diving taking place and apply additional supervision.

Rescue

- Be positioned so as to minimise the distance between themselves and the snorkelers
- Be in a state of readiness to immediately enter the water and rescue a snorkeler
- Have rescue devices and floatation aids readily accessible

Snorkelling Guide

- Be a capable swimmer and experienced snorkeler and be able to rescue a snorkeler
- Have a good understanding of the snorkeler's abilities and potential problems that may occur
- Stay with snorkelers at all times unless they are deemed competent to snorkel with another buddy
- Be able to recognize relevant hazards and snorkelers in difficulty
- Be able to respond quickly to changes in risk and alter or abort activities as necessary
- Be aware of breath-hold diving and apply additional supervision

Staff Members

Safety gear



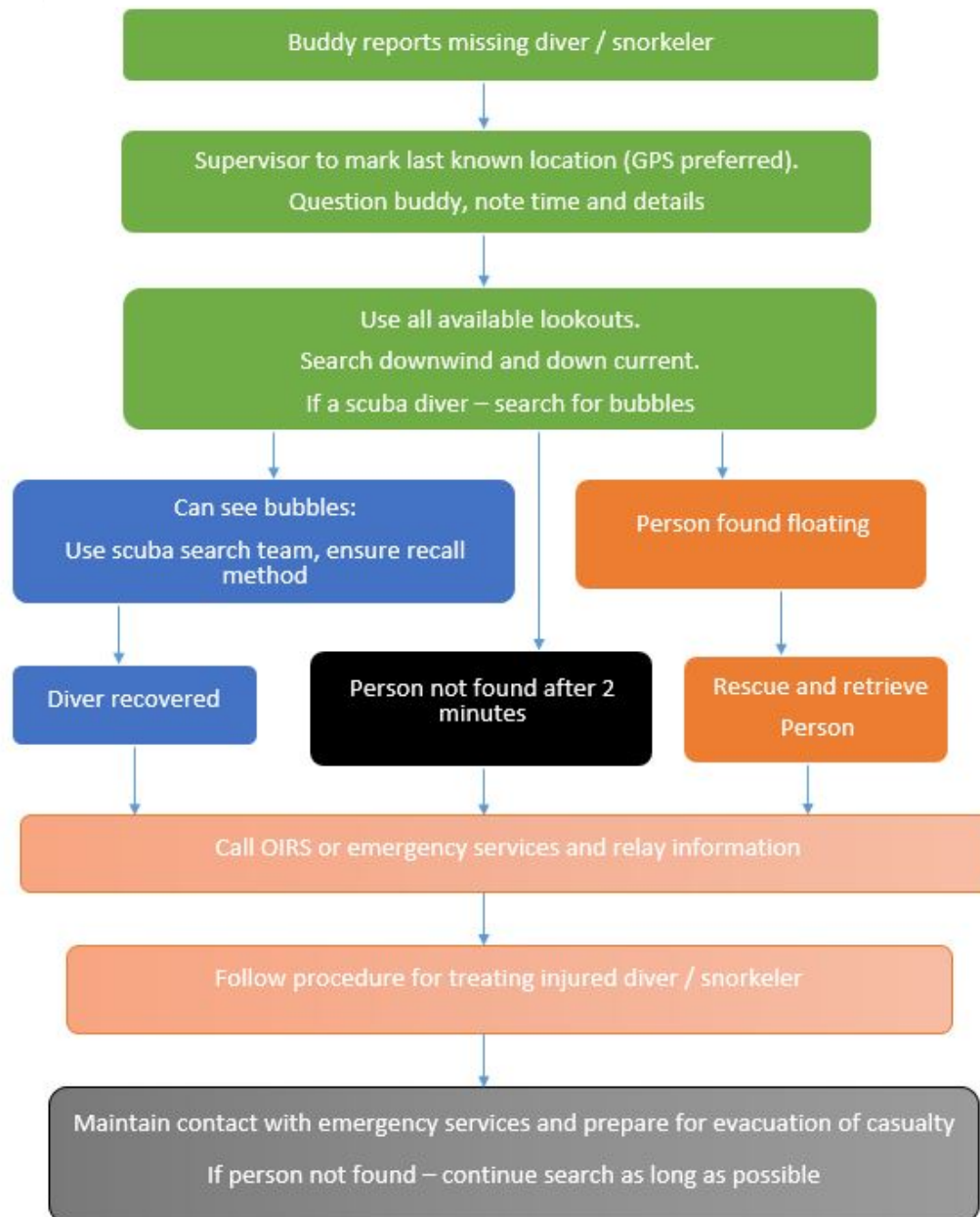
- VHF channel 72 (check with staff)
- First Aid and Oxygen kit
- Automated External Defibrillator

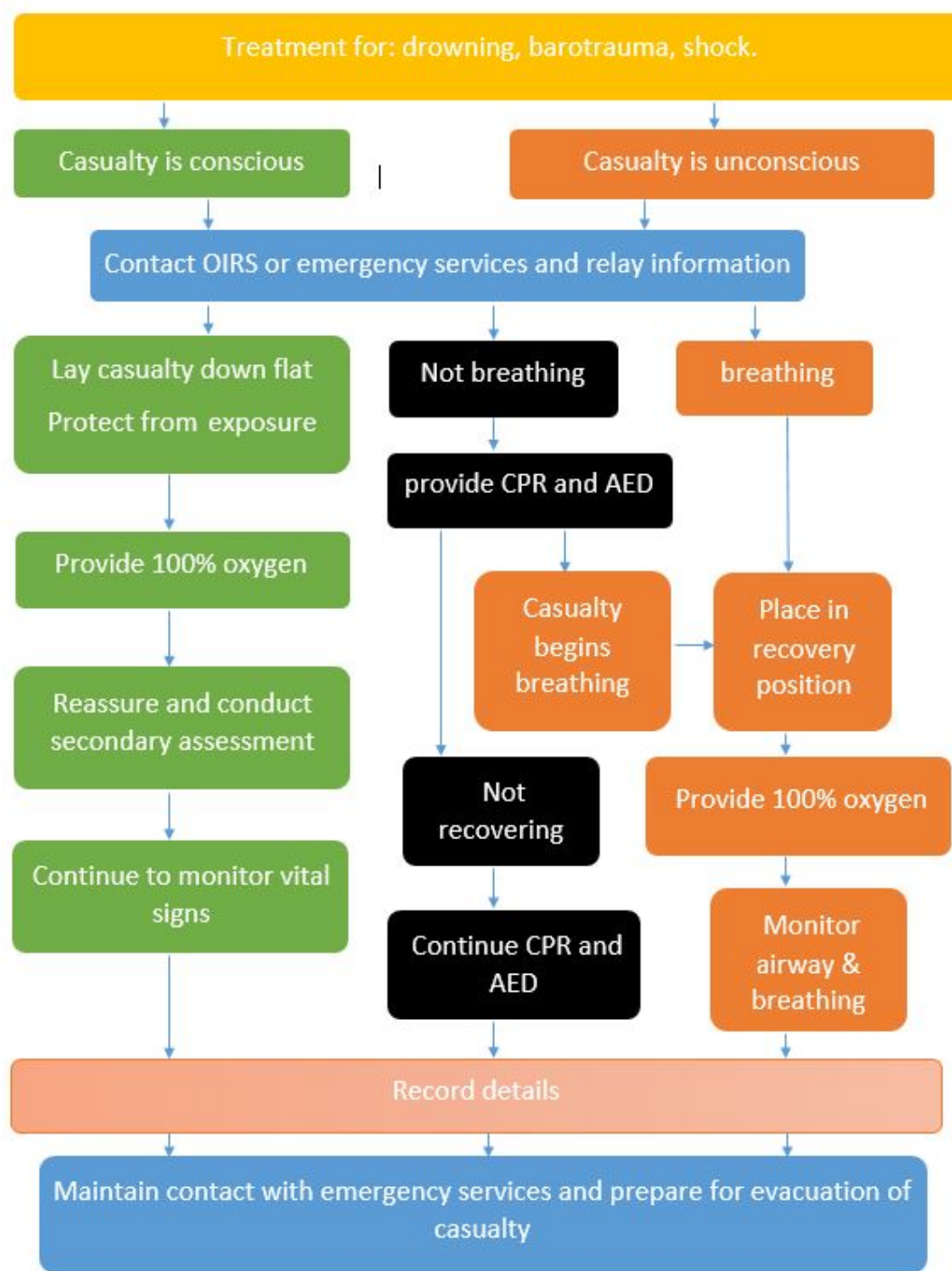


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What to do in an Emergency

Response to a missing person at sea





Remember

Fins can cause a great deal of damage by hitting corals and the reef.

Stay as horizontal as possible on the top of the water, and be aware of where the fins are - do not get too close to the coral.