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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc is committed to providing safe and healthy working conditions and to eliminating conditions and incidents that could result in personal injury or ill health. Fauna Rescue requires its activities to conform with relevant state and federal legislation and good, established practices including Australian Standards. Fauna Rescue will provide volunteers with guidance on and training in the identification, assessment and control of associated wildlife rescue. Effective management of OH&S risks depends on the commitment and cooperation of volunteers. Fauna Rescue is committed to consulting with volunteers in a meaningful and effective manner on OH&S issues through its workshops and newsletter.

Fauna Rescue expects members to comply with its occupational health and safety policies, procedures and guidelines, and to conduct themselves in a safe manner, not placing themselves or others at risk.

To ensure safety, members must abide by the following:

1. Do not drive over the speed limit when going to the rescue site.
2. Do not put yourself or anyone else in danger.
3. Do not go out alone on a rescue after dark, or to remote, medium or high risk sites. After dark calls are only to be referred to members who have indicated they are willing to do night rescues.
4. Do not go on a rescue if you are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
5. Always use personal protective clothing and equipment according to the species being rescued.
6. Remove the immediate threat, i.e. cat, dog. Call in extra help if necessary, RSPCA, Council Dog Catcher.
7. Do not climb on to a roof or up trees. For rescues at heights call in professionals e.g, CFS, Fire Brigade, SES.
8. Do not dismantle walls or fireplaces to rescue an animal.
9. Mark your rescue baskets/cages with a sign stating there is a wild animal contained inside, in case you are involved in an accident.
10. Members cannot care for or rescue bats or flying foxes unless they have an up to date Lyssavirus vaccination. Members will need to provide a copy of their relevant vaccination certificate and a yearly titre level to Bat/Flying Fox Co-ordinators.
11. All carers must have tetanus vaccination.
12. If an injured animal is on a busy road, call for police assistance to control traffic.

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