



Safety Workshop Report Draft

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Workshop Summary

Safety criteria cover the level of water safety equipment and personnel provided; the information shared about these; and the management of activities on a beach which could cause accidents. Safety criteria are fewer than water quality or environmental management but failure to comply could result in withdrawal of the flag for a whole season. The Safety workshop and accompanying toolkit outlines the resources available to sites to help them attain and remain in compliance.

Criteria

Safety and services are criteria 27-33. The main safety criteria are 27, 28, 30, and 31. Appendix I also relates to international safety guidelines for risk assessment. These can be found in full on pages 21-26 and 38-40 in the [Blue Flag Beach Criteria and Explanatory Notes document](#). The following bullet points are to help outline the requirements of each criterion.

Criterion 27. Environmental education activities must be offered and promoted to beach users.

- A beach with more than 50 users per day over 4 weeks, must have lifeguards.
 - Lifeguard agencies must be currently USLA certified.
 - Lifeguards must only be employed as lifeguards, be easily identifiable, and have appropriate equipment.
 - Areas patrolled by lifeguards should be identified to the public.
- On beaches with less than 50 users a day over 4 weeks and low hazards as determined by a mandatory risk assessment.
 - Public rescue equipment (PRE) can replace lifeguards unless the risk assessment states otherwise.
 - PREs must be clearly positioned at 100 meter intervals with safety instructions

Criterion 28.

- First aid equipment must be available on the beach by means of lifeguards, a first aid station, equipment located in a shop/facility at the site, or first aid box.
- Stations or equipment must be clearly posted for easy locating.

Criterion 30.

- Management of different beach activities must be in place to prevent accidents and conflicts.



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- The beach itself must be managed in accordance with an environmental plan which protects sensitive species and habitats.

Criterion 31.

- The public must have access to the Blue Flag beach.
- Access must be safe.
- Parking for people with limited abilities must be available and clearly marked.
- Emergency flag information should be explained on the information board.

Site Overview

[insert site name] is currently fully compliant with X of the 4 safety criteria required for the Blue Flag application and award.

Criterion	Compliance or Non-compliance Notes	Point of Contact for site implementation	Cost	Next Step for implementation
27	Compliant, our site is actively USLA certified	Primary site contact or lifeguard chief	50\$ for USLA application \$500 for certification every 3 years	none
28				
30				
31				
Safety questionnaire				