

# The Scout Association of Australia South Australian Branch

## POLICY STATEMENT - SMOKING

The Scout Association aims to promote a healthy life style and as such the habit of smoking contravenes that aim. Consideration for others should be fundamental for all Scouts.

It is desirable for Scouts not to smoke from the standpoint of:

1. Their own health.
2. It being a bad example to younger members.
3. It has an adverse effect on good public relations especially when in uniform.

Within normal Scouting programmes special attention should be paid to gaining acceptance to total non-smoking by members in uniform in the presence of youth members through example, instruction, discussion and other means.

All Scout Association buildings, owned or leased, are declared "Smoke Free Zones" and suitable promotional stickers should be strategically placed to advertise this policy.

Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers are not permitted to smoke at any Association activity.

Rovers and Leaders are not permitted to smoke when on parade or when in uniform on formal public occasions. They are strongly discouraged from smoking in front of all other Scouts.