



SAFETY

BULLETIN!

Bulletin #1

Bunk Beds

We recently had an incident at a campsite where a 6-year-old girl fell from the top level of a bunk fracturing her wrist and requiring her evacuation to hospital by ambulance. The bunk involved in the incident had no safety rails installed and was not compliant with the mandatory safety standard for manufacture of Bunk beds which came into place in 2002.

[Bunk beds complying with the mandatory standard \(acc.gov.au\)](http://acc.gov.au)

This standard clearly outlines the requirement for guard rails to be fitted to the sides and ends of bunks. Scout Camps must comply with this standard. Additionally, our preference is for bunks to be affixed to the wall to prevent them from being moved or tipping over.

We must make sure that we provide our members and guests with safe facilities and failure to do so can amount to negligence. Can you please conduct an audit of your bunks to ensure that they are compliant with the standard and discontinue use of bunks that are not. This needs to be completed by December 31 2021. Clear signage and the removal of mattresses is an effective way of indicating that top bunks are not to be used in the interim.

Many of our campsites have recently upgraded their bunks. If you are interested in purchasing new units we are planning another shipment shortly and we expect these to cost a little over \$150 per pair. Please contact Russell Bradd to organise ordering of bunks info@gilwellpark.com.

If you have any questions contact Peter Rutley via email sc.campsites@scoutsvictoria.com.au.