Introduction

What is a Sustainable Practices Assessment Tool?

The tool has been designed to help divers think about their current practices in regard to environmental issues that apply to their business and their industry.

The tool will assist divers within the Tasmanian Commercial Dive Fishery to consider the environmental issues that apply to their business.

How will it help me?

The tool is not a test, it is a tool for you and no-one else.

By working through the questions you will be able to record your good diving practices and you may find areas where you require further information.

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The tool is made up of a series of questions covering a range of diving practices that can be self assessed including things such as marine pests and diseases, biodiversity, rubbish and pollution management and air, energy and greenhouse gas management.

Who is the Sustainable Practices Assessment Tool for and how will it help me?

The tool will assist divers within the Tasmanian Commercial Dive Fishery in consultation with Fiona Ewing of Ocean-Wing of Ocean-Wing of Ocean-Wing of Ocean-Wing Australia.

How do I use the Sustainable Practices Assessment Tool?

The tool is made up of a series of questions covering a range of diving practices that can be self assessed including things such as marine pests and diseases, biodiversity, rubbish and pollution management and air, energy and greenhouse gas management.

The tool will help you answer such questions as:

- Do your current practices meet legal and regulatory requirements?
- Are you doing the best you can in regard to environmental issues?
- If they come along, are you in a position to take advantage of environmental incentives or new markets?
- Are you doing the best you can in regard to environmental issues?
- Do your current practices meet legal and regulatory requirements?

Do you understand all the issues facing your industry?

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Getting Started

It may take less than one hour to complete the tool. There is no judgment being made about how many questions you answer “Yes” or “No.” If you have answered a question as “No” or “Progressing toward,” this may be an area where you want further information. To help you keep track of things you want to work on or areas where you may need more information, you can also use the Action Plan, which is included at the end of the questions.

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1. Air, energy and greenhouse gas management

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<td>I have identified fishing activities that potentially generate harmful or offensive odour, smoke and noise emissions.</td>
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<td>I have, where possible, modified fishing practices to minimise the production of these emissions.</td>
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<td>Where possible, I use non fossil fuels and energy sources.</td>
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<td>I consider new practices to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions as they become available and economically viable.</td>
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<td>I regularly maintain my fishing boat and equipment to maximise energy use efficiency.</td>
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<td>I regularly monitor fuel and oil consumption in my fishing activities.</td>
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<td>I follow manufacturers’ maintenance instructions to ensure engine efficiency and the proper working of emission control systems.</td>
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<td>Equipment size and machinery are chosen to minimise energy use.</td>
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<td>My air and energy management practices minimise harm to the environment.</td>
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<td>I am aware that climate change will have a significant impact on Australian marine life.</td>
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Based on my responses to these questions:

- I think I am meeting my legal requirements. [Yes] [No]
  - Read the Legislative Summaries. Seek assistance from the facilitator or other sources.

- I think I have all of the information that I need. [Yes] [No]
  - Identify information you need and/or actions you want to take. You can use the Action Plan to record this information. Seek assistance from the facilitator or other.

I think the questions have given me a better understanding of the issues addressed in this section. [Yes] [No]

Date completed:

This legislative requirement relates to the Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMPCA).

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## 2. Biodiversity management

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<td>I am aware of the three zones that have been developed to allow greater precision in the management of stock.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the total allowable catch from each zone for each species that I harvest.</td>
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<td>I know of the times of zone closures for each species that I harvest.</td>
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<td>I am aware of size limits for each species that I harvest.</td>
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<td>I am aware that I require a licence/endorsement should new species be identified that may be viable for commercial divers.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the damage that raking for sea urchins has on sea urchin habitat.</td>
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<td>I am aware that raking for sea urchins has been banned.</td>
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<td>I use tongs or a single pronged hook to harvest sea urchins.</td>
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<td>I can identify what species are listed as threatened and protected in Tasmanian waters.</td>
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<td>I report any incidences of whale sightings, injured whales or whale or dolphin strandings.</td>
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<td>I have the Whale Hotline number on board at all times.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the powers of Fisheries Officers.</td>
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<td>I adhere to the Living Marine Resource Management Act.</td>
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<td>I adhere to the Commercial Dive Fishery rules.</td>
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<td>I hold all the relevant licences required for commercial diving.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the location of marine farms.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the restrictions in place regarding entering a marine reserve.топ</td>
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<td>I am aware of the location of marine reserves.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the rules that apply to fishing in a marine reserve.</td>
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<td>I report incidences of illegal fishing in marine reserves to the Department of Primary Industries and Water.</td>
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Date completed:

This legislative question relates to the Policy Document for the Tasmanian Commercial Dive Fishery.

This legislative question relates to the Threatened Species Protection Act 1995.

This legislative question relates to the Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995.

This legislative question relates to the Marine Farming Planning Act 1995.

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### 3. Marine pests and disease management

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<td>I am able to identify the 10 recognised introduced marine pests on the Australian Ballast Water Target Species list.</td>
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<td>I am aware of obligations in regard to the reporting of marine pests.</td>
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<td>I have the contact number for the Department of Primary Industries and Water (DPIW) on board at all times.</td>
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<td>I report all new sightings of marine pests to DPIW.</td>
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<td>I clean and anti-foul my boat hull regularly to reduce the spread of pests from one area to another.</td>
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<td>I clean the boat(s) and boating equipment before transporting them from one water body to another.</td>
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<td>I leave behind unused bait and bucket water to reduce the spread of pests from one area to another.</td>
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<td>I clean dive and fishing gear after use to reduce the spread of pests from one area to another.</td>
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<td>I look out for marine pests or species showing a rapid increase in numbers and/or change in distribution.</td>
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<td>I am aware of marine fish diseases.</td>
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<td>I have the contact number for the emergency disease hotline onboard at all times.</td>
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<td>I report any signs of marine disease to the emergency disease hotline.</td>
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<td>I can identify symptoms of the Ganglioneuritis virus in abalone.</td>
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<td><em>I am aware of my responsibilities if I see signs of the Ganglioneuritis virus in abalone.</em></td>
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I think I am meeting my legal requirements. Yes ☐ No ☐

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I think I have all of the information that I need. Yes ☐ No ☐

Identify information you need and/or actions you want to take. You can use the Action Plan to record this information. Seek assistance from the facilitator or other.

I think the questions have given me a better understanding of the issues addressed in this section. Yes ☐ No ☐

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## 4. Rubbish and pollution management

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<td>Wastes generated by diving activities are reused or recycled where possible.</td>
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<td>I appropriately dispose of wastes that cannot be reused or recycled.</td>
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<td>I do not throw plastics into the sea.</td>
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<td>I do not dispose of rubbish within 12 nautical miles of the nearest land.</td>
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<td>Controlled wastes (including chemical containers, oils and other items that can cause harm to the environment or human health) are disposed of in accordance with legislative requirements.</td>
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<td>I take action to prevent the discharge of oily mixtures at sea.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the legislative requirements in regard to the disposal of waste or garbage at sea.</td>
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<td>I am aware of the penalties that may be imposed on boat operators for illegally disposing of garbage at sea.</td>
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<td>I report any sighting of an illegal discharge of rubbish to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA).</td>
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<td>I have the contact number for the AMSA onboard at all times.</td>
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<td>I make every effort to retrieve lost or damaged fishing gear that may be of a safety concern to other vessels.</td>
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<td>I am aware that vessels of 12 metres or more in length are required to display placards which provide information about rubbish laws.</td>
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<td>I am aware that the placards should be visible in areas where rubbish may be generated and in full view of crew and passengers.</td>
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<td>I do not damage, destroy, conceal, deface or otherwise interfere with an aboriginal relic or protected site.</td>
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<td>I dispose of waste and rubbish in a manner that does not cause pollution to the shoreline.</td>
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The Environment Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 (EMP) provides guidelines for managing and minimizing environmental harm which may be caused by an activity.

For the purposes of this Act, the occupier or person in charge of a place or vehicle (this includes a boat) from which a pollutant escapes is taken to have polluted the environment by polluting the environment. A person who causes material or serious environmental harm by polluting the environment is guilty of an offence. This Act is administered by The Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment (DTAE) and local Municipal Council Officers. This kind of pollution, be it intentional or reckless, will be subject to legal action (see Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act 1987). This Act applies to pollution of water by oil or other noxious substances, then a different Act applies. See Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act 1987.

In relation to fishing, this Act is applicable to fuel and rubbish intentionally or unintentionally discharged from a vessel, as well as rubbish left on the shoreline. You may be audited to determine whether or not you have adequate systems in place to prevent

Disclaimer:
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The following polluting activities should be reported:

- Any plastic material
- Any discharge from a ship involving washings of chemicals or dry cargoes.
- Discharge. Oil includes waste oil, fuel oil, lube oil and additives etc.
- Any quantity of oil. If oil can be seen then it is likely to be an illegal

If you witness a vessel polluting in Commonwealth waters, you can report the incident to AMSA or the local port marine transport authority. Please provide relevant details of the incident such as when and where the incident occurred, the name of the vessel, type and extent of pollution and any other information which you may think is pertinent. If you witness a vessel polluting in Commonwealth waters, you can report the incident to AMSA or the local port marine transport authority. Please provide relevant details of the incident such as when and where the incident occurred, the name of the vessel, type and extent of pollution and any other information which you may think is pertinent. If you witness a vessel polluting in State waters, the master and owner of the ship are both guilty of an offence and are liable to a penalty of up to $10 000.

While ships are permitted to dispose of some types of waste at sea, there are strict requirements relating to the type of waste and the distance from land where the disposal may take place. All pollution sightings should still be reported and authorities will determine whether the discharge/disposal is illegal.

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Some seabirds are on this list as well as marine mammals and some fish species. As this list is changing all the time, it's best to access it via the DPIW website at www.dpiw.tas.gov.au then click on 'Managing Natural Resources' then 'Threatened Species Information' for an up to date list.

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Reserves.

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Some of the activities which are restricted are:

- Taking a growing or standing plant (whether dead or alive).
- Damming, diverting or polluting waterways.
- Interfering with or collecting or removing any sand, gravel, clay, rock, timber or any natural product.
- Depositing or leaving any litter (except in a receptacle provided for that purpose).
- Depositing, discharging or leaving any offal, filth, dung, rubbish or any other noxious or polluting matter.
- Making or marking out any track or route.
- Depositing the dead body of any creature.
- Depositing any excreta in a receptacle provided for that purpose.
- Creating or causing to be created a hazardous condition.
- Depositing any egg, fruit, seed or other natural product.
- Depositing a growing or standing plant (whether dead or alive).
- Interfering with or collecting or removing any sand, gravel, clay, rock, timber or any natural product.

For further information, please contact Parks and Wildlife, Tasmania.

The National Parks and Reserves Management Act (2002) provides for the management of national parks and other reserved land in Tasmania. There are different kinds of reserve land. These are:

- National Parks
- State Reserve
- Nature Reserve
- Conservation Area
- Game Reserve
- Nature Reserve
- State Reserve
- National Parks
- Private Nature Reserve
- Private Sanctuary
- Historic Site
- Regional Reserve
- Nature Recreation Area
- Conservation Area
- Game Reserve
- Nature Reserve
- State Reserve
- National Parks

Each kind of reserve land is managed with a combination of outcomes in mind. These outcomes include nature and biodiversity conservation, tourism, cultural significance, education, recreation, water quality, and others.
For further information relating to Aboriginal Land, contact the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania:

Address: 182 Charles Street, Launceston, TAS 7250
Phone: 03 6331 2833
Fax: 03 6331 2834
Email: alct@intas.net.au

Aboriginal Lands have been declared at:

- Cape Barren Island (part)
- Risdon Cove
- Great (Big) Dog Island
- Babel Island
- Badger Island
- Waratah Mine Cave
- Bilalawine Cave
- Kulikulina Cave
- Sheep (Head) Island
- Mount Chapman Island
- Mount Cameron West
- Oyster Cove

Aboriginal Lands Act (1995) was drafted to promote reconciliation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community by granting to Aboriginal people certain parcels of land of historic or cultural significance. It provides for the establishment of the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania and also outlines guidelines for how the Council is to operate.

For more information, visit http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/manage/parksres/reserves.html.
The Living Marine Resources Management Act (1995) is designed to provide for the sustainable management of living marine resources, to provide for management plans relating to fish resources and to protect marine habitats.

The Act provides for commercial and recreational fisheries licensing rules. It sets out procedures for preparing, changing and reviewing fisheries management plans. It provides a streamlined national environmental assessment and approval process.

The objectives of the EPBC Act are to:
- Provide for the protection of the environment especially matters of national environmental significance.
- Conserve Australian biodiversity.
- Protect for the protection of the environment especially matters of national environmental significance.
- Control the international movement of plants and animals and wildlife, wildlife.
- Provide for the protection and management of important natural and cultural places.
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For specific questions about commercial dive rules and regulations, please consult the:
1. Policy Document for the Tasmanian Commercial Dive Fishery (Dec 2005) DPIW.
2. Shellfish Fishery Policy Document (March 2007) DPIW.

The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act) is the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Federal Act)
The EPBC Act states that a person must not take an action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance, except where certain processes have been followed and/or certain approvals obtained. Matters of national environmental significance under the EPBC Act include: wetlands of international importance (Ramsar wetlands), listed threatened species and ecological communities and listed migratory species.

Notifiable diseases in Tasmania are broken down into two lists – Lists A and B.

List A diseases are exotic – that is, we believe there are no cases in Tasmania. The law requires that any suspicion of a List A disease is reported immediately and that the owner of the suspected animal isolates them immediately, pending further investigation of the signs of the suspected animals.

List B diseases are endemic – that is, they are known to occur in Tasmania. The current lists of threatened species, can be obtained from http://www.environment.gov.au


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- Identification and listing of species and ecological communities as threatened
- Development of conservation advice and recovery plans for listed species and ecological communities
- Recognition of key threatening processes
- Development of a register of critical habitat
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To report any notifiable disease, phone the Chief Veterinary Officer on 1800 675 888. For further information on Tasmania's notifiable diseases or on the legal requirements relating to notifiable diseases, phone the Regional Veterinary Officer on 03 6233 6875.

The legal requirements in relation to notifiable diseases are prescribed in the Animal Health Act 1995 – in particular, sections 26 to 30. This Act is available at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au. Use the search engine on this site to locate the Act.

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This Act states that it is an offence for an unauthorised person to destroy, damage, disfigure, conceal, uncover, expose, excavate or otherwise interfere with a protected object.

Police Offences Act (1935)

This Act details public offences such as trespassing on land, good order and safety, injury to property and people, drunken behaviour, motor vehicle offences and dishonesty. It also provides for police powers in dealing with these offences.

MARPOL

The MARPOL Convention is the main international convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes. It is a combination of two treaties adopted in 1973 and 1978 respectively and updated by amendments through the years. It covers regulations about preventing pollution of the sea by oil, noxious substances, sewage and garbage. The Tasmanian piece of which gives effect to certain parts of the MARPOL Convention is Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act 1987.

Commercial Dive Rules (2005)

The Commercial Dive Rules (2005) are the set of rules made under the Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995 relating to commercial divers. These rules provide for the general management of the Commercial Dive Fishery by defining closed and open seasons, minimum size limits and total allowable catches for commercial dive species. It also details reporting requirements for divers as well as controls placed on the fishery and enforcement.
Acts

• Fishing (Licence Ownership and Interest) Registration Act 2001
• Marine Farming Planning Act 1995
• Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995

Regulations

• Fisheries (General and Fees) Regulations 2001
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• Fisheries (Infringement Notices) Regulations 2001
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Rules

• Fisheries (Protesting) Rules 2001
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Orders

• Fisheries (Value of Fish) Order 1997
• Fisheries (Research Area) Order 1996
• Fisheries (Research Area) Order 2005

* denotes that these fisheries are managed under a Management Plan.
Glossary

Biodiversity - the variety of life on our planet, measurable as the variety within species, between species, and the variety of ecosystems.

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Environmental values, biodiversity and ecosystem health. Marine pest incursions also have a large financial impact.

Introduced marine pests - are plants or animals that are not native to Australia and have and nitrous oxide.

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Wastes - Fishing wastes can include inert materials (such as metal and glass), persistent materials (such as plastics and packaging), and biodegradable materials (such as paper or cardboard) and toxic materials (such as oils).
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