

Commissioner's Risk Management Policy Statement

As an organisation the AFP continually works on clearly identifying potential risks that could have a detrimental impact on our ability to achieve our objectives or goals. This is vitally important to ensure the effective delivery of law enforcement and also the safety and well-being of AFP staff and the broader community.

The AFP's National Guideline on Risk Management is part of the AFP's risk management framework designed to ensure that:

- employees understand what constitutes 'risk management'
- employees understand that risk management is everyone's responsibility regardless of level, role, experience or knowledge
- policies and procedures are in place to support employees
- adequate tools and training are available to provide guidance and consistency across the organisation
- we use risk management to support a more efficient, effective and safe work environment.

Formal risk assessments are critical to ensuring the successful delivery of our objectives as they demonstrate that a formal, systematic and transparent assessment of risk has taken place. Risk assessments are also among the first documents requested during independent or external scrutiny including audits and in more serious circumstances, coronial inquiries.

The AFP's management of risk is regularly scrutinised, for example through Australian National Audit Office review and the annual Comcover Risk Management Benchmarking Survey. The AFP's 2011 Comcover survey result is very pleasing and reflects an improvement in our rating against other participating government agencies and a subsequent discount to our 2011-12 Comcover insurance premium - an acknowledgement of our continuing efforts to improve the management of risk within the AFP. I consider risk management to be a fundamental component of good corporate governance and sound management practice.

I ask you to familiarise yourself with the National Guideline on Risk Management ([AFP National Guideline on risk management](#)) and use the framework to ensure that we identify, analyse, evaluate, treat and monitor risks that may prevent us from achieving our objectives, or cause potential harm to our people or the community.

Tony Negus
Commissioner