

Flag care

- Always ensure that flags are hoisted aloft and free.
- Minimise the flags exposure to the elements by taking down the flags in the evening or in extreme weather conditions.
Ensure that flags are dry before placing them away. Store flags in a safe, cool, dry place.
- Always wash flags in a gentle detergent to lessen fading and never use any bleach or similar types of products on your flags.

Folding the Australian Flag

1. Start with the flag flat with the Union Jack in the bottom left corner.
NOTE: Never place a flag on the ground.
2. Fold flag lengthwise once and then once again.
3. Bring the two ends of the flag together.
4. Now concertina the flag by folding backwards and forwards until the flag is neatly bundled.
5. The flag is kept bundled by winding the rope around it.

Flag etiquette

- Flags should be flown from sunrise to sunset.
- Flags should be displayed only in a manner befitting the organisation (or national emblem if it's the Australian flag).
- Flags should always be flown aloft and free and should not be allowed to fall or lie on the ground.
- The Australian National Flag should not be used as a covering of a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony (a plain cover should be used); as a table or seat cover, or as a masking for boxes, barriers or intervening space between floor and ground level on a dias or platform.

Australian Flag against a surface whether horizontal or vertically

The top left quarter of the Australian Flag should be placed uppermost on the observer's left, as viewed from the front of the flag.

