

# BRITISH DIVING SAFETY GROUP

## DIVING ACCIDENT

### ↓ MANAGEMENT FLOWCHART

SECURE DIVER AND ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT, LOCATE BUDDY DIVER OR DIVERS



Has compressed air/gas been breathed in the last 48hrs?

NO



#### Not DCI Accident

- Administer oxygen if required
- Begin CPR if required
- Use numbers overleaf to inform emergency services as appropriate
- Keep under observation

ARE ANY OF THE SIGNS LISTED BELOW EVIDENT?

YES



Signs and symptoms of decompression illness may include the following:- Fatigue, skin rash, itching, pain in chest, joints, abdomen, lowerback, dizziness, vision and speech problems, paralysis, numbness, tingling, pins and needles.

#### DCI Accident

Use numbers overleaf to inform emergency services as appropriate – state that it is a diving emergency

Fill in details overleaf and evacuate with patient



#### Administer first aid as follows

- Lie patient down
- Give 100% oxygen (by tight fitting mask) with no air breaks.
- Give non-alcoholic fluids (aim for 1 litre)
- Keep casualty comfortably cool
- Keep under observation until evacuated
- Reassure patient and buddy/buddies



**Do not discontinue First Aid Procedures even if patient shows signs of improvement**

- Ensure that all details including dive computer/timer and this chart stays with patient
- Do not tamper with equipment send with casualty as found
- Evacuate buddy divers together

#### CONTACT DETAILS

SEA DIVING (24hrs) HM Coastguard, DSC or VHF Channel 16/Dial 999

INLAND DIVING (24hrs)

England, N. Ireland, Wales – Call Royal Navy Doctor 07831 151523

SCOTLAND – Call Aberdeen Royal Infirmary 0845 4086008 (24hrs)

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 THIS CHART MUST GO WITH THE CASUALTY



Date	<input type="text"/>	Time	<input type="text"/>
Location/Site	<input type="text"/>	Lat/Long	<input type="text"/>
Boat Name	<input type="text"/>	Call Sign	<input type="text"/>
Sea State	<input type="text"/>	Hardboat/RIB/Inflatable	<input type="text"/>
Wind Speed/Direction	<input type="text"/>		



### Patient Details

Name	<input type="text"/>	Age	<input type="text"/>	Gender	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>				
	<input type="text"/>			Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number/s	<input type="text"/>				
Contact Ashore	<input type="text"/>			Relationship	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number/s	<input type="text"/>				



### Buddy Details

Name	<input type="text"/>	Age	<input type="text"/>	Gender	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>				
	<input type="text"/>			Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number/s	<input type="text"/>				
Contact Ashore	<input type="text"/>			Relationship	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number/s	<input type="text"/>				



### Medical History (allergies, medications, diseases, injuries)



### Dive Details (for the day)

Time in	<input type="text"/>	Time out	<input type="text"/>	Max Depth	<input type="text"/>	Air/Mix	<input type="text"/>
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Name Group/Club	<input type="text"/>
Association	<input type="text"/>
Supervisor/Leader	<input type="text"/>
Telephone No	<input type="text"/>

**DO NOT DELAY IN SEEKING PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL  
ADVICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS DO NOT WAIT  
TO CALL US – SEE OVERLEAF FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS**