

APPENDIX 7
DIVING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Introduction

A diving accident victim could be any person who has been breathing air underwater regardless of depth. It is essential that emergency procedures are pre-planned and that medical treatment is initiated as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of each AAUS organizational member to develop procedures for diving emergencies including evacuation and medical treatment for each dive location.

General Procedures

Depending on and according to the nature of the diving accident:

1. Make appropriate contact with victim or rescue as required.
2. Establish (A)irway, (B)reathing, (C)irculation as required.
3. Stabilize the victim
3. Administer 100% oxygen, if appropriate (in cases of Decompression Illness, or Near Drowning).
4. Call local Emergency Medical System (EMS) for transport to nearest medical treatment facility. Explain the circumstances of the dive incident to the evacuation teams, medics and physicians. Do not assume that they understand why 100% oxygen may be required for the diving accident victim or that recompression treatment may be necessary.
5. Call appropriate Diving Accident Coordinator for contact with diving physician and decompression chamber. etc.
6. Notify DSO or designee according to the Emergency Action Plan of the organizational member.
7. Complete and submit Incident Report Form (www.aaus.org) to the DCB of the organization and the AAUS (Section 2.70 Required Incident Reporting).

List of Emergency Contact Numbers Appropriate For Dive Locations in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest:

1. If emergency is Decompression Sickness or an Air Embolism, the dispatcher should contact the nearest Recompression Chamber facility.

A. Dutch Harbor

Dan Magone (PRIVATE COMPANY- check for availability)	581-1401
Dan Magone (cell)	391-1400
V.J. Cross (Magone's lead diver) (home)	581-4925
Magone's Shop Forman (cell)	391-7993

B. Anchorage

Providence Hospital	1-(907)-562-2211
Providence Hospital Emergency	261-3111
Air Ambulance: Providence	261-3070
Outside Anchorage	1-(800)-478-5433
Recompression Chamber Supervisor:	

Robert Thompson, MD	565-4600
American Marine, 6251 Tuttle Street, Anchorage, Ak	565-4600
Alaska Regional Hospital: Air Ambulance	248-0617

- C. Juneau**

Bartlett Memorial Hospital	1-(907)-796-8900
Bartlett Memorial Hospital Emergency	796-8427
Recompression Chamber Supervisor: David Job, MD	796-8446

- D. Seattle, WA**

Virginia Mason Medical Center	1-206-583-6543
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2. The following emergency numbers are listed for additional reference and information in case of a diving-related emergency or for consultation regarding a diving-related problem.

- A. Diver's Alert Network (DAN)**

Duke University Medical Ctr. Durham, North Carolina	1-(919)-684-8111 (Emergency only)
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- B. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Rescue Coordination Center**

National Center	1-(800)-478-5555
	1-(888)-399-5555
Boating Safety	1-(800)-478-6381
Juneau	1-(907)-586-7344
Kodiak	1-(907)-487-5888

- C. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC)**

Anchorage area	1-(907)-428-7230
Outside Anchorage area	1-(800)-420-7230

- D. Kaktovik**

Emergency	611
Health Clinic	640-6413
Fire	640-6212

- E. Prudhoe Bay/Deadhorse**

Public Safety Office	659-2515
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- F. Barrow**

Fire	852-3473/3476
Hospital	852-4611
Health Services	852-2466
Rescue Coordination	1-(800)-830-2822
Public Safety Office	852-6111

- G. Kotzebue**

Fire	442-3204
Police/Search & Rescue	422-3351

	Ambulance	422-3404
	Public Health Service Hospital/ Maniilag Medical Center	422-3321
H.	Nome	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
	Hospital	433-3311/5411
I.	Bethel	
	Fire	543-2131
	Police	543-3781
	Hospital	543-3711/3811/2251
	Clinic	543-3773/3774
J.	Dillingham	
	Fire	842-2288
	Police	842-5354
	Kanakanak Hospital	842-5201
	Dillingham Health Center	842-5981
K.	Cold Bay	
	Fire & Crash Station	532-5000
L.	Dutch Harbor/Unalaska	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
	Lliuliuk Health Clinic	581-1202/1203
	Public Safety, after hrs number for clinic	581-1233
	State Trooper	581-1432
M.	Kenai	
	Fire	283-7666
	Police	283-7879/7980
	Central Peninsula General Hospital	262-4404/7361
N.	Soldotna	
	Fire	262-4792
	Police	262-4455
	Central Peninsula General Hospital	262-4404/7361
O.	Seldovia	
	Fire/Ambulance/Clinic	234-7812
	Police	234-7640
P.	Kodiak	
	Fire/Ambulance	911
	Police	486-8000
	Hospital	486-3281
	USGC Coordination Center/Air Station	1-(907)-487-5888

Q.	Homer	
	Fire	235-3155
	Police	235-3150
	Hospital	235-8101
R.	Anchorage	
	Providence Hospital	1-(907)-562-2211
	Emergency Room	261-3111
	Air Ambulance: Providence	261-3070
	Outside Anchorage	1-(800)-478-5433
	Recompression Chamber: Robert Thompson, MD	565-4600
	American Marine	565-4600
	Alaska Regional Hospital: Air Ambulance	248-0617
	USCG	271-6700
S.	Fairbanks	
	Fire (UAF)	474-7721
	Alaska State Troopers	451-5333
	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	452-8181
	Police	459-6500
T.	Seward	
	Fire	224-3445
	Police	224-3338
	Providence-Seward Medical Center	224-5205
U.	Valdez	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	835-4560
	Valdez Community Hospital	835-2249
	Valdez Medical Clinic	835-4811
	USCG	835-4791/4793
V.	Cordova	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	424-6100
	Medical Clinic	424-8200
	Hospital	424-8000
	USCG (Summer only: May 1- Oct. 1: Helicopter)	424-7346/7891
		424-7894/7898
W.	Yakutat	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
	Yakutat Community Health Center	784-3275/3391
X.	Haines	
	Fire	766-2115
	Police	766-2121
	Health Center	766-2521
Y.	Skagway	

	Fire/Ambulance	983-2300
	Police	911/ 983-2232
	Hospital	983-2255
Z.	Juneau	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
	Bartlett Memorial Hospital	796-8900
	Emergency Room	796-8427
	Recompression Chamber Contact: David Job, MD	796-8446
	Juneau Health Center	586-3736
	USCG Coordination Center	586-7344
AA.	Sitka	
	Fire	747-3233
	Police	747-3245
	Sitka Community Hospital	747-3241/966-2411
	USCG (Air Station)	966-5434
BB.	Petersburg	
	Fire	722-3355
	Police	722-3838
	Petersburg General Hospital	722-4291
	Health Center	722-4611
CC.	Wrangell	
	Fire/Ambulance	911
	Police	874-3304
	Wrangell General Hospital	874-3356
	Health Center	874-3615
DD.	Ketchikan	
	Fire	225-9616
	Police	225-6631
	Ketchikan General Hospital	225-5171
	USCG	225-5666
Outside Alaska		
EE.	Prince Rupert, B.C.	
	Fire	1-(604)-627-2211
	Police	624-2136
	Ambulance	624-4157
	Hospital	624-2171
FF.	Vancouver, B.C.	
	Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
	Hospital	1-(604)-837-5441/683-2474
	Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)	984-3700
	Search & Rescue	666-7888
	Rescue Coordination Center	388-3303

GG. Seattle

Fire/Police/Ambulance

University of Washington Medical Center

Virginia Mason General Hospital

USCG

911

1-(206)-548-4000/3360

583-6543/624-1144

286-5400/533-9295