

Emergency Action Plan 2024 [sample]

Location of Diving Activities

Location:	
Dive Site:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Additional Info:	

Medical Facilities

Nearest Hospital:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Nearest Hyperbaric Chamber:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Diving Physician:	
Other Hyperbaric Chamber:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Diving Physician:	

Emergency Numbers

Local EMS:	
DAN:	(919)-684-9111
Coast Guard (local tel):	
Coast Guard (radio):	VHF Channel 16

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Dive pre-brief and dive planning

Dive site specific risks and hazards
Dive site orientation and hazards
Environmental conditions to be expected
Estimated time on site

Responsibilities of Instructor / Dive Master / Staff on duty / Dive Safety Officer

Brief divers on the dive site which includes a general description of the site, the depth, and the conditions typically encountered, whether or not there is a mooring or a shot line will be used.

Any hazards known to the dive site will be described, including surface considerations such as wave height, wind direction and current observations.

Brief divers on the planned time on site and recall procedures in the event of an emergency

Emergency Items Checklist

First Aid Kit	Yes / No	Cutting Tools	Yes / No
Emergency Oxygen Kit	Yes / No	Cell/ Satellite Phone	Yes / No
Backboard	Yes / No	Audible Signal Device	Yes / No
Binoculars	Yes / No	Visible Signal Device	Yes / No
Save-A-Dive Kit	Yes / No	Spare Gear	Yes / No
Float	Yes / No	AED	Yes / No
Dive Flag	Yes / No	Other:_____	Yes / No
Line/ Throw Bag	Yes / No	Other:_____	Yes / No

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Hazards/ Notes

Item	Related Risks	Solution	Action
Weather			
Air Temp			
Water Temp			
Wind Direction			
Current			
Waves			
Bottom Composition			
Marine Life			
Boat Traffic			
Visibility			
Depth Range			
Overhead			
Entanglement			
Ladder			
Cell Signal			
Diver Experience			
Buddy System			
Equipment			

Post Incident Checklist:

- Activate EMS
- Provide Basic Life Support / Secondary care
- Emergency O2 (if trained)
- Neurological analysis (if trained)
- Coordinate Emergency evacuation/ medical care
- Contact DAN
- Contact family / Emergency Contact
- Contact Member Club Executives
- Contact Ontario Underwater Council
- Contact Training Agency
- Write / Submit incident report
- Analyse incident / Emergency Action Plan / resupply
- Preserve but do not alter equipment and / or gas

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Addition notes:

The following information will be relayed en-route or while awaiting evacuation:

Type of medical emergency
Age and gender of victim
Signs and symptoms
Present medical status
Vital signs (pulse, respiration—count for 1 minute)
Past medical history, if known
Current medications, if known
Medical treatment being provided

What to expect when you call the DAN Emergency Hotline:

Your call will initially be answered by a non-medically trained operator. Please provide the operator with your name, location and callback number, and your call will be routed to a qualified DAN Medical Information staff member.

DAN's Medical Information staff may make an immediate recommendation or request to call you back after making arrangements with a local physician, TravelAssist or any number of DAN's other resources. DAN does not hesitate to reach out to its network to provide the best possible assistance.

If a call-back is necessary, please wait by the phone while arrangements are made. The resources may take 30 minutes or more to coordinate, as several pieces and calls may be required. The delay will not place the person in any greater danger, and DAN will call you as soon as the appropriate arrangements are made.

Common Signs and Symptoms of Pressure Related Injuries

The below list includes, but is not limited to, common signs and symptoms of decompression illness and pressure related injuries. If you think you are suffering from a decompression illness, you must seek treatment immediately.

- Chest pain
- Uncontrollable coughing
- Voice change
- Fullness of throat
- Crackling of throat
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Tightness in chest
- Extreme Fatigue
- Numbness, tingling
- Itching
- Loss of sensation
- Weakness, loss of strength
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Blurred vision
- Hearing or speech impairment
- Rash
- Generalized pain
- Joint pain
- Vertigo
- Paralysis
- Unconsciousness
- Unresponsiveness
- Loss of motor control
- Difficulty walking
- Difficulty swallowing