

National Speleological Society

Accident/Incident Report Form



Date of Accident/Incident: _____

Reported by: _____

Cave: _____

Telephone: _____

County: _____ State: _____

Email: _____

Country: _____

Describe the accident as completely as possible on the back of this form or on a separate sheet. If possible, obtain information from those involved. Use additional sheets if necessary. A report in the style of *American Caving Accidents* is ideal. The following checklist is suggested as a guide for information to be included.

The Accident/Incident

- ✓ Names and ages of persons involved
- ✓ Events leading to accident/incident
- ✓ Location and conditions in cave
- ✓ Description of how the accident/incident occurred
- ✓ Nature of injuries sustained
- ✓ Analysis of main cause
- ✓ Contributory causes (physical condition of caver, weather, equipment, clothing, etc.)
- ✓ What might have been done to prevent the accident?

Rescue or Response

- ✓ Actions taken following the accident/incident
- ✓ Persons or organizations contacted for help
- ✓ Were photos taken of the incident? By whom?
- ✓ Details of rescue procedures including times

Further details were reported in (please list name and date of publication or source):

Newspapers:

Grotto Newsletter:

Social Media:

Other (web site, television or radio station, etc.):

Please return the completed report to the NSS as soon as possible after the accident.

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You can also report accidents on the Internet at www.caves.org/pub/aca, or contact the editor at aca@caves.org.