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.