NOAA DIVING PROGRAM

DIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PLAN

NOAA Diving Unit and Dive Location:

Instructions

To be completed and submitted to NDP.Diveplans@noaa.gov with initial dive plan of each calendar year and every time any information in the Diving Emergency Assistance Plan changes.

General Procedures

A Evaluate victim's Airway, Breathing, and Circulation (ABCs).

B If not breathing, begin basic life support to include CPR if necessary. Use a Manually Triggered Ventilator (MTV) or bag-type oxygen resuscitator.

C If breathing, place diver in supine position and administer 100% oxygen using a MTV/ demand oxygen resucitator or nonrebreather type mask.

D If condition is life-threatening, call local Emergency Medical System (EMS) or USCG for transport to nearest medical treatment facility. If condition is not life-threatening, contact NOAA DMO for guidance. If unable to reach NOAA DMO within 15 min, contact Divers Alert Network.

E Keep victim comfortable and observe for shock or change in condition. If not nauseated and not experiencing altered level of consciousness, give victim water to drink.

F Gather additional information about the incident and prepare for transport.

G Call NOAA DMO (if not already done) to report incident.

Contacts

Primary Operational Recompression Chamber

Name:

Address:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

Secondary Operational Recompression Chamber

Name:

Address:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

Primary Hospital Emergency Room

Name:

Address:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

Secondary Hospital Emergency Room

Name:

Address:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

Shore-Based Emergency Transportation

Name:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

At-Sea Emergency Transportation

Name:

Point of Contact:

Telephone Number:

Nearest U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center:

- Great Lakes, East Coast and Gulf of Mexico:
  Atlantic Area Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator: (757) 398-6700
- Hawaii, Alaska, Pacific Coast:
  Pacific Area Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator: (510) 437-3700

NOAA DMO

- LCDR Joel Dulaigh office (206) 526-6474 cell (206) 300-2098

Divers Alert Network

- (919) 684-9111 or (800) 446-2671