



## SCUBA DIVERS FEDERATION OF SA (Inc)

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

## **LOST or MISSING DIVER(S) – SHORE DIVE**

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### **(APPENDIX C)**

*IF DIVER(S) HAVE NOT RETURNED WHEN EXPECTED OR A DIVER IS REPORTED MISSING, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS TO BE FOLLOWED*

1. Position a look-out (as high as possible).
2. For a missing diver, question the Buddy, if available, and record the following detail;
  - Direction and strength of current
  - Dive plan
  - Place last seen
  - Time last seen
  - Status of air
  - Maximum depth planned and reached
  - Physical condition of lost diver
  - Lost diver's possible action in an emergency (eg prone to panic)

For a lost Buddy Pair, as much of the above detail as possible, should be determined in consultation with the Dive Leader, and other relevant divers.

This detail should be written down for later reference.

3. Assess the degree of urgency (overdue or long overdue, taking into account the diver's plan and previous repetitive dive profile if known).
4. Recall all divers in the water if possible.
5. Organise personnel and equipment for search
  - Plan search with usual safety precautions considered (Dangers – Depth – Time – Air)
6. Phone for help
  - 000 – Police
  - 112 – Emergency number on any mobile phone

*If you lose contact with your buddy under water, follow the Lost Buddy procedure.  
Search for them for not more than one minute, then surface.*