



SCUBA DIVERS FEDERATION OF SA (Inc)

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

RECOVERY OF INJURED or UNRESPONSIVE DIVER **(APPENDIX D)**

1. In water, (where appropriate) **Expired Air Resuscitation** should commence immediately. Continue until you reach firm, dry surface.
2. Determine pulse and breathing status.
3. Check Airways, Breathing, Circulation (A.B.C) of resuscitation.
4. Make oxygen available if required.
(Therapy – 8 litres/min Resuscitation – 15 litres/min)
5. Control any bleeding
6. If on a boat, radio for help and advice. (Channel 88 (27.88 MHz) or VHF channel 16)
Specify diving emergency.
On land, phone for an ambulance. (**000**)
7. Treat for shock – keep warm.
8. Rest and reassure.
9. On a boat, if advised, transport diver to nearest port of help.
Otherwise, wait for emergency services to arrive.
On land, wait for the ambulance – in all situations, monitor shock.
10. Record all relevant information for later reference;
 - ◆ Dive profile - plan, depth, time
 - ◆ Status of air
 - ◆ Dive conditions
 - ◆ Condition of diver
 - Pulse, breathing
 - Signs and symptoms
 - Oxygen – frequency of administration.
11. Record state of diver's equipment
 - ◆ Do not tamper with equipment except to turn off air
 - record air status.
12. Record all details of incident and names of eyewitnesses.
 - ◆ Record facts and avoid opinions
13. Pack diver's gear and gather their personal effects.
Make available to owner or police.
14. A member of the dive group should accompany the diver to the treatment location to provide information.
15. If recovery is probable, notify next of kin as to condition and location of the diver.
If this is not the case, notify police of next of kin.
16. Notify relevant authorities —
 - ◆ DES – incident monitoring
 - ◆ Dive Club's Insurance company
 - ◆ Club President

DO NOT ADMIT LIABILITY
