



NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB



Emergency Management Procedures





STAR: Stop, Think, Assess,
React



Secure Scene



Assess Impact



Call 111 and activate beacon



Treat Victims



Record Details



Contact NZAC

Field Injury or Medical Emergency

Secure Scene

Check for further hazards

Move uninjured parties to safety

Assess Impact

Categorise injuries

Determine transport priority

Category 3 - Life Threatening or Fatal

Complicated Fractures,
unconscious, head or spinal
injuries

Major illness requiring
hospitalisation

- Stabilise victim if possible
- Arrange immediate evacuation
- Call 111 ask for Police and/or set off PLB
- Record Details (take scene photos & witness statements)
- Minimise disturbance to scene

Field Injury or Medical Emergency continued

Category 2 - Non-life threatening

Sprains, lacerations, fractures

Flu, food related vomiting/diarrhoea

- Treat to your level of resources
- Arrange evacuation if required
- Call 111 ask for Police and/or set off PLB
- Record Details (take scene photos & witness statements)

Category 1 - Minor Illness/Injury

Minor cuts, bruises, abrasions,
strains

Minor asthma, cold, stomach
upset etc.

- Treat on the spot
- Give option of continuing or returning to base

Follow-up action:

- Ensure remaining participants are safe and warm
 - Once the immediate crisis is over contact NZAC General Manager
- Category 1&2 Incidents: if safe and appropriate return to normal operations.
- Complete Incident Report Form on completion of course

Avalanche Emergency

Secure Scene

Stay Calm

Check for further hazards

Move survivors to safety

Assess Impact

Establish if anyone is missing. If there are missing members take immediate action:

Call 111 ask for police and activate beacon

Activate beacon immediately if available.

If you have cellphone or radio contact from site call emergency services immediately then turn comm devices off and start the search.

If there is no comms available from site search for 35 minutes before going for offsite help.

Conduct Search Phase:

Avalanche Emergency – Search Phase

Plan

- Establish search plan with all capable survivors and available resources
- Assign roles
- If resources allow assign a scribe to record the number of missing / survivors and names, timeline, communication details, take scene photos etc

Search

- Set all transceivers to receive
- Visual search, determine likely burial areas where someone could be and look for surface clues
- Transceiver search with probe
- If no transceivers- spot probe likely places using a 50 x 50 pattern.

Extract

- Leave probe in place
- Dig in towards the probe from the downhill side and from a distance that's 1.5 times the burial depth
- Uncover head & chest

Care

- Administer first aid - assign caregiver
- Check for injuries
- Insulate - move only if necessary

Vehicle Emergency

Secure Scene

Evacuate
Vehicles

Check for
hazards

Close off road



Assess Impact

Establish number of
casualties

Assess severity of
injuries



Initial Triage

Stabilise victims where
possible

Keep uninjured
passengers secure



Record Details

Driver's names, license number, registration, insurer, take photos & witness statements/ witness details.
Do not discuss liability at this point.
Contact NZAC General Manager.

Emergency Contacts 2024/25:

Emergency services:

From Cell phone: 111 ask for Police

From Satellite Phone:

+64 3 363 7400 Police Comms

Rescue Coordination Centre:

0508 472 269

NZAC Emergency Contact Numbers:

General Manager, Karen Leacock:

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President, Jim Petersen:

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