



Diving Accident Management Flowchart



- Locate diver's logbook and/or dive computer
- Carry out treatment as below
- Keep the diver as warm and sheltered as possible
- Secure diving equipment, **DO NOT DISMANTLE**

Has Diver breathed compressed air underwater in the last 48 hours?

YES

DIVING ACCIDENT

NO

Not a Diving Accident

Begin CPR if necessary
 Administer First Aid+Oxygen
 Evacuate to nearest hospital
 Keep under observation

Mild Symptoms

Fatigue
 Skin Rash
 Itching

Worsening or Initial Serious Symptoms

Unusual Weakness
 Pains
 Pins + Needles
 Dizziness
 Severe Cough
 Shortness of Breath
 Visual Disturbances
 Balance problems
 Paralysis
 Unconsciousness

Emergency Numbers

HM Coastguard Channel 16 or 999

Aberdeen Hyperbaric:
0845 408 6008

DDRC:
01752 209999

Institute of Naval Medicine:
07831 151523

Administer 100% oxygen
 Administer 1 litre fluid orally if possible
 Place in recovery position

COMPLETE RELIEF WITHIN 30 mins?

YES

NO

Keep diver under observation
 Contact Diving Physician immediately

Call the emergency services
 Provide CPR if necessary and monitor diver closely
 Continue administering 100% oxygen
 Continue administering 1 litre of fluids orally if possible
 Keep diver in recovery position