



# Victorian Sub-Aqua Group

## 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?

NO

**Not a Diving Accident**  
 Begin CPR if necessary  
 Administer First Aid+Oxygen  
 Evacuate to nearest hospital  
 Keep under observation

#### EMERGENCY Nos:

Police - Ambulance - Fire:  
 Dial **000**

Diving Emergency Service:  
**1800 088 200**

Marine Radio:  
 VHF Channel **16**  
 27 MHz Channel **88**

Keep diver under observation  
 Contact Diving Physician immediately

Administration of 100% Oxygen helps reduce inert gas bubble size and increases oxygen concentration to areas in need for all diving casualties



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YES

Mild Symptoms  
 Fatigue  
 Skin Rash  
 Itching

Administer 100% Oxygen  
 Administer 1 litre fluid orally if poss.  
 Place in recovery position

YES

COMPLETE RELIEF WITHIN 30 mins?

NO

Call the emergency services  
 Provide CPR if necessary and monitor diver closely  
 Continue administering 100% Oxygen (no "air breaks")  
 Continue administering 1 litre of fluids orally if possible  
 Keep diver in recovery position  
 Arrange immediate evacuation to hyperbaric facility

Worsening or Initial Serious Symptoms:  
 Unusual Weakness  
 Pains  
 Pins + Needles  
 Dizziness  
 Severe Cough  
 Shortness of Breath  
 Visual Disturbances  
 Balance problems  
 Paralysis  
 Unconsciousness

