



Fédération Française
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SPELEO SECOURS FRANÇAIS

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A CAVING INCIDENT OR ACCIDENT



Who to Contact?

Two calls are necessary to start a caving rescue:

Contact the SSF

Call in order of priority, until a contact is made:

- **To Departmental Caving Technical Advisor or one of his deputies**

Phone numbers are available on the following website: <https://ssfalert.fr/>
(website available in 5 languages)

- **To national operations center of the Spéléo-Secours-Français**

Toll-Free Number: **+33(0)800 121 123**



In case of suspicion of an accident or incident, do not hesitate to contact the Departmental Technical Advisors for an advice on the situation.

Informations to provide

Exact location, time and circumstances of the accident

In case of personal injury: It is essential that the alert be forwarded by a **direct witness**. He will be able to answer the questions about place, time and circumstances of the accident. The emergency call should also contain a minimal health report of the casualty with the answers to the following six questions:

- **Does the casualty answer questions?**
- **Can the casualty move all his limbs?**
- **Is the casualty breathing normally?**
- **Does the casualty have a perceptible pulse?**
- **Are there obvious wounds?**
- **Is the casualty getting weaker?**



Take the time you need to collect and to write these informations before calling emergency assistance.

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