



GSLC – SAFETY MOMENT

Incident Reporting

Incident reporting is critical for the Great Salt Lake Council to maintain a safe and positive environment for our boys. It helps us identify areas for improvement and spot trends where leaders might benefit from additional training when conducting activities. An old axiom reminds us that: “We can’t fix, what we don’t know is broken!”

To help you report, forms are readily available from our local and National Council websites (see links below). These forms allow you to quickly file a report and provides easy follow-up:

Incident Report Form: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-016_fillable.pdf

This form is used to report all injuries, illnesses, and incidents during Scouting activities or on council-owned properties that require the intervention of a medical provider beyond basic Scout- rendered first aid.

Youth Protection Form: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-676_WEB.pdf

Allegations of abuse, violations of BSA policies or guidelines, or inappropriate behavior by a Scout, Scout leader, parent, or other person should be reported on this form.

Near Miss Incident Reporting Form: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-017_fillable.pdf

Use this form to report near misses. A near miss does not result in injury, illness, or damage by definition, but it had the potential to do so.

If you are unsure what to report (???), the “[Incident Descriptions and Reporting Instructions](#)” can help guide your efforts. Also, the GSLC has a new “[Unit Enterprise Risk Management Guide](#)” brochure that provides much of this information as well.

Also, in the spirit of learning from our (or others) experiences, below are some official “Incident Reviews” prepared by National Council from incidents previously submitted. They may help shed light on areas where other units have had problems. These can be used in patrol or troop meetings. Be sure to read the “[Incident Reviews `How-To](#)” document before you begin.

Perhaps you may prevent similar incidents with some additional planning and by holding a pre-activity safety moment:

[Allergies and anaphylaxis](#)

[Boating](#)

[Boating—river paddling](#)

[Burns to youth](#)

[Burns from starting fires](#)

[Cardiac events](#)

[Dog Bites](#)

[Fatal falls](#)

[Heat and hydration](#)

[Lightning](#)

[Motor vehicle accidents](#)

[Swimming](#)

As a council, it is important to note that our most frequent incidents are related to transportation, fishing activities, food allergies, and medication allergies. Thank you for your help with reporting incidents and working to ensure the safety of our Scouts.