

Emergency Action Plan for Key Largo  
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Plan your dive, dive your plan. Solve problems as they arise. Stop, breathe, think, act.

**If an accident or emergency happens the following should be done**

• **Stop, Think, Act**

- Assess the injury or accident or missing diver
- Assign someone to call emergency and someone to control the crowd
- If diver is unresponsive or missing call 911
- Say “Hello, this is an emergency. My name is [*state name*]. I am calling from [*ship name/reef or wreck name*]. We have [*state emergency*] and require immediate assistance. I will meet you at [*port name*].” Wait for the operator to hang up.
- Retrieve diver from water and place on back
- Monitor vital signs (ABC); administering rescue breath or CPR as needed
- If DCI or drowning is suspected provide 100% oxygen by demand inhalator valve or non-rebreather mask if patient is breathing weakly or via pocket mask if rescue breaths are administered
- If injury is heat stroke protect patient from heat and cool them
- If injury is hypothermia keep patient warm
- If injury is Lionfish soak area in hot water
- If injury is fire coral soak area with white vinegar
- If injury is other coral scrub vigorously with soap and water, and then flush the wound with large amounts of water
- If injury is stingray rinse with water and immerse in hot water for 30 to 90 minutes
- If injury is jellyfish spray with vinegar. If Portuguese Man-of-War/bluebottle immerse hot water for 20 minutes
- Closest medical facility is Mariners Hospital and directions are listed below
- Closest hyperbaric chamber call DAN (number below)
- Fill in accident management work slate

**Ports where to pass off diver to ambulance**

- Owners Park in Key Largo
- Tavernier Creek Marina
- USCG station in Islamorada
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**Emergency Contact Numbers**

- Emergency 911
- Coast Guard (305) 664-8077 or VHF channel 16
- All dive vessels monitor VHF channel 11
- DAN Diver's Alert Network: 1.919.684.8111 or collect 1.919.684.4DAN or 1.800.446.2671 (toll-free)
- Mariners Hospital, 91500 US 1 (MM 91.5), Tavernier, Florida 33070, 305-434-3000 (has hyperbaric chamber for up to 5 patients)
- Monroe County Sheriff 's Office (305) 292-7000, 1-800-273-COPS