COURSE OF ACTION IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

In France, there are no regulations limiting caving (apart in the case of some caves where visiting is controlled).

Nevertheless, we advise you to:
* get in touch with the cavers of the area concerned: the addresses will be provided by the French Caving Federation (see below: "Fédération Française de Spéléologie").

* take out the special insurance policy offered by the French Federation, which covers for a month: "civil liability", "defence and appeal", and "rescue expenses" (fee: 120 FF per person).

In case of an accident, phone in order of priority, till a contact is established:

1) To one of the following persons in charge of the French Cave Rescue association ("SPELEO-SECOURS FRANCAIS" or S.S.F.):

- Christian DODELIN + 33 (0) 479.63.83.30
- Ruben GOMEZ + 33 (0) 559.28.70.50 + 33 (0) 559.28.71.00
  + 33 (0) 603.21.08.55

BIPPER 24H / 24 (Electronique system message)
+ 33 (0) 8.36.60.60.60 code 27.25.18 then your telephone number

- Eric ZIPPER + 33 (0) 389.24.94.28 + 33 (0) 389.27.28.38 + 33 (0) 657.55.73.16
- Eric DAVID + 33 (0) 384.35.74.47 + 33 (0) 478.78.90.77 + 33 (0) 681.41.87.12

2) To one of the following national technical advisers of the S.S.F.:

- Jean-Paul COUTURIER + 33 (0) 146.38.17.66 + 33 (0) 134.81.91.61
- Pierre Henri FONTENPIS-LOSTE + 33 (0) 559.32.15.39 + 33 (0) 559.83.79.70
- Florence GUILLOT + 33 (0) 561.05.19.37 + 33 (0) 466.24.61.55
- Michel LABAT + 33 (0) 490.31.42.92 + 33 (0) 490.31.21.40
- Pierre RIAS + 33 (0) 475.45.51.69

3) To the local police ☎ 17. Do not forget to specify:

- that it is a cave diving accident ("accident de spéléologie")
- that the area local technical adviser ("Conseiller Technique en spéléo-secours du département") is to be notified and alerted.

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- 130, rue St-Maur 75011 PARIS - Tél.: + 33 (0) 143.57.56.54