

BRITISH DIVING SAFETY GROUP

DIVING ACCIDENT



SAFETY CHECKS – DURING YOUR DIVE

- Display Flag Alpha if diving from a boat
- Enter the water cautiously with positive buoyancy – do not jump on another diver
- Descend with care – ensure the depth is known and as planned
- Dive with neutral buoyancy – do not overweight yourself
- Monitor depth and time
- Be aware of the planned diver recall system and know how to respond to it
- Check your buddy frequently – use physical contact or a buddy line if conditions dictate
- Check your gas supply regularly, especially on deeper dives
- Avoid entanglement or entrapment
- Dive responsibly – conserve marine life and respect wreck sites
- End the dive if you become excessively cold, or feel unwell or overstretched
- Cancel the dive if conditions deteriorate or you have significant equipment problems
- Know what to do if you are separated from your buddy
- Carry an 'alternate air source' (eg octopus) or redundant breathing supply
- Stick to your dive plan
- Use an appropriate surface marker buoy where necessary
- Ascend at the proper speed
- Make a safety stop
- When surfacing look out for surface traffic
- At the surface, make yourself buoyant and signal to the boat or shore party that all is well