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Circular 043:17

Date: 23rd February 2017

Subject: Accidents to club members

Attention: All members

Action: Ensure all serious accidents are reported

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[SLSNZ Policy SLS001](#) requires all accidents which involve 'serious harm' to a member to be reported to SLSNZ through SLSNR. This is to allow us to develop a regional and national picture of the causes of accidents and injuries and to help prevent the same accident occurring to other members.

'Serious Harm' is defined as "any injury that takes place in the course of surf lifesaving activity that requires medical treatment from a trained and recognised health care provider immediately following the incident [i.e. Doctor, Dentist etc]".

We are aware that this is not always being followed which places the member and club at risk. ACC, WorkSafe NZ and SLSNR Insurers all require a robust accident reporting and investigation process to be in place. Please help us and help your club by ensuring these forms are completed.

You can download the accident & incident report from [here](#)

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