

**Cave Exploration – Route Plan
&
Emergency Procedures**



Name of Cave/Pothole/Mine			
NGR (Include Area Prefix)			
Date of Exploration		Estimated time of entry into system:	
		Estimated time of return to vehicle:	

Leader			
Assistant Leader			
Group Members			
Location of Parked Vehicle		NGR:	
Vehicle Registration Number			
Surface Route to Cave			
Underground Route Details (Must include furthest point to be explored along with proposed route)			
Equipment Carried by Cave Party: (Quantity carried if applicable)			
First Aid	Survival Bags	Emergency Rations	
Ladders	Ropes	SRT Kits	
Emergency Lighting (Type & Condition)			
Type of Clothing Worn by Caving Party:			
Level of Experience of Party	<i>Novice</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Experienced</i>

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This must be completed in addition to the 'standard' home contact form FS120078.

In the event of the party not reporting back as arranged, or byhours, the following procedures should be followed:

Responsible Person:

- **Contact the Police and ask for Cave Rescue in the Caving Region.**
- Inform Police/Cave Rescue Co-ordinator and give the details listed on reverse.
- Inform the Home Contact of the situation.
- Remain by the Telephone and await contact by the Party Leader, Home Contact or Police/Cave Rescue.
- Keep the Home Contact abreast if the situation as information is received.

Home Contact: (The Home Contact must NOT be related to anyone in the party)

Name of Home Contact:.....**Tel No:**.....

In the event of the home contact being informed that Cave Rescue has been called the following procedures should be followed:

- Inform all the relatives of the situation, bearing in mind that calling Cave Rescue does not constitute a major underground incident.
- Keep relatives abreast of the situation as information is received.
- Inform The Scout Association.

Useful Telephone Numbers:

Name	Telephone Number	Remarks
Scout Headquarters	0845 300 1818 (Office Hours)	Duty PR Officer – England/Wales
	020 7584 7031 (Outside Hours)	
	01383 419073 (Office Hours)	Duty PR Officer – Scotland
	01383 412704 (Outside Hours)	
	028 9049 2829 (Office Hours)	Duty PR Officer – Northern Ireland
	028 9336 7302 (Outside Hours)	
District Commissioner		
Group Scout Leader		

Please Note:

- One copy should be left with the 'Responsible Person'
- If possible, one copy should be left with the 'Home Contact'