



# QORF Fact Sheet

## Outdoor Medical Incident Database

In recent years, Outward Bound Australia has developed a medical incident database that has been actively used in the risk management within the organisation. It has provided an important insight into operations and influenced changes in Operating Protocols. As a result of these changes, there has been a decrease in the occurrence of incidents, and an improvement in the handling of incidents.

In conjunction with The Safety Network, the Database has been further developed for generic use. It now has a wide range of application across organisations that are responsible for the health and wellbeing of their clients. This Database is a tool for the recording and analysis of medical incidents. By recording and identifying patterns, searching for causes in these incidents, then looking at these causes it is possible to reduce the number of incidents that occur on programs. The database generates reports which give summary graphs on the way incidents have occurred, allowing analysis to take place.

One great aspect of this database is that users submit their data (after stripping it of any identifiable markers) into a Central Database. This information plays a vital role in informing land managers, insurance companies, government agencies and clients on the relative safety of the outdoor industry. It is a useful tool in improving safety standards of operation in line with industry practices.

### For an organisation it can:

- provide the means to examine relationships between events
- see patterns, make comparison, ask questions
- provide consistent, organised records of incidents
- provide summary for risk management

### Who will benefit from this database?

- Camp and tour operators
- Adventure companies
- Educational institutions
- Environmental Ed centres
- Outdoor Ed teachers
- and ultimately the whole industry, by learning and reducing the amount of incidents occurring.

The central Database will assist in the collection of National Statistics for the Outdoor Industry. Full confidentiality is maintained by not recording individual names in the central Database. The collection of information on accidents and near misses will assist everyone within the industry with their risk management.

### Cost:

- Single site licence QORF Members: \$330
- Single site licence Non-Members: \$396

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