

**TO FOREIGNERS CAVING IN FRANCE**

**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 telephon 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.

**FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE SPELEOLOGIE :**  
**- 130, rue St-Maur 75011 PARIS - Tél.: + 33 (0) 143.57.56.54**