

In the event of a non-Fatality Incident – What to do and NOT do

Accurate and Complete Reporting Equipment – nonfatality

- Consider type of accident
 - Mask squeeze versus DCS
 - Depending on situation and possible ramification – do not disassemble
- Do a brief, visual assessment, witnessed by two individuals
 - Gas on or off
 - Gauge readings
 - Photograph if possible
- Turn off gas
 - Count turns to close valve
 - Record this with tank number
- Do not attempt to test BCD
- Do not attempt to test regulator second stage
- Maintain security until notice from insurer or PADI Regional Headquarters

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With regard to a nonfatal incident, consider the type of an accident. If we've have a mask squeeze versus a DCS, then obviously we probably don't need to be as worried about the equipment and the disassembly.

If it's a mass squeeze, a marine life injury, such as an urchin sting or spine or something similar, evaluate the circumstances and use your judgment as to what needs to be done.

With a witness- perform a visual assessment: is the gas off/on? What are the gauge readings? Read the computer again, photograph, if possible, turn off the gas, count the turns to close the valve. Note the number of turns and cylinder number for future reference.

If it is a more serious incident, resulting in hospitalization or chamber treatments, please follow the same guidelines as outlined for a fatal incident.