

POTENTIAL CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS

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Potentially Unsafe Conditions Due To:

- Inadequate Area Security (Physical, Political, Cultural)
- Falling Objects (Rocks, etc.)
- ~~Bad~~ Weather
- Equipment/Clothing
- Swift/Cold Water
- Animals/Plants
- Physical/Psychological Profile of Participants and/or Staff

Potentially Unsafe Acts Due To:

- Inadequate Protection
- Inadequate Instruction
- Inadequate Supervision
- Unsafe Speed (Fast/Slow)
- Inadequate or Improper Food/Drink / Medications
- Poor Position
- Unauthorized/Improper Procedure (Includes Failing to Follow Directions, Misuse of Technology)

Potential Errors in Judgment Due To:

- Desire to Please Others
- Trying to Adhere to a Schedule
- Misperception
- New or Unexpected Situation (Includes Fear and Panic)
- Fatigue
- Distraction
- Miscommunication
- Disregarding Instincts