

Incident Severity Scale

Severity Ranking	Impact on Participation	Injury	Illness	Social or Psychological Damage	Severity Ranking	Equipment Damage	Environmental Damage
1	MINOR/SHORT TERM IMPACT on individual(s) that doesn't have large effect on participation in activity or programme	Splinters, insect bites, stings	Minor irritant	Temporary stress or embarrassment	1	Minor cost	Littering
2		Sunburn, scrapes, bruises, minor cuts	Minor cold, infection, mild allergy	Temporary stress or embarrassment with peers	2	Greater than \$50	Minor damage to environment that will quickly recover
3		Blisters, minor sprain, minor dislocation, cold/heat stress	Minor asthma, cold, upset stomach	Stressed beyond comfort level. Shown up in front of group.	3	Greater than \$100	Scorched campsite, plant damage
4	MEDIUM IMPACT on individual(s) that may prevent participation in the activity or programme for a day or two.	Lacerations, frost-nip, minor burns, mild concussion mild hypothermia, mild heat stroke	Mild flu, migraine	Stressed, wants to leave activity, a lot of work to bring back in.	4	Greater than \$500	Burnt shrubs, cut live branches, washed group dishes in stream
5		Sprains & hyper-extensions, minor fracture	Flu, food or hygiene related diarrhoea or vomiting	Distressed, freezes on activity, requires 'emotional rescue', and does not want to participate again	5	Greater than \$2,000	Walked through sensitive ecological area destroying some plant life, toileting close to water course

Any incident ranked 6 or above needs to be reported to the Department of Labour

6	MAJOR IMPACT on individual(s) that means they cannot continue with large parts of the activity or programme.	Hospital stay less than 12 hours e.g. frostbite, major burn, fractures, dislocations, concussion, surgery, breathing difficulties, moderate heat stroke or hypothermia	Hospital stay less than 12 hours e.g. serious asthma attack, serious infection, or anaphylactic reaction	Very distressed, leaves activity and requires on site counselling, unwilling to participate in activity ever again.	6	Greater than \$8,000	Destroyed or killed flora or fauna
7		Hospital stay greater than 12 hours e.g. arterial bleeding, severe hypothermia or heat stroke, loss of consciousness	Hospital stay greater than 12 hours e.g. infection or illness causing loss of consciousness, serious medical emergency	Therapy or counselling required by professional	7	Greater than \$20,000	Killed, destroyed or polluted small area of environment
8	LIFE CHANGING effect on individual(s) or death.	Major injury requiring hospitalisation e.g. spinal damage, head injury	Major illness requiring hospitalisation e.g. heart attack	Long term counselling/ therapy required after incident	8	Greater than \$50,000	Killed example of protected species
9		Single death	Single death	Post-traumatic stress disorder, changed profession because of incident	9	Greater than \$250,000	Fire or pollution resulting in area of wilderness being destroyed
10		Multiple fatality	Multiple fatality	Suicide because of incident	10	Greater than \$1,000,000	Major fire or pollution causing serious loss to environment