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This years incidents and accidents in England and Wales are summarised as follows:

	INCIDENTS	FATALITIES	INJURED	TOTAL PERSONS ASSISTED
1993	610	53	323	902 excluding non-mountain
1992	649	62	582	998

This years Incident Statistics report for England and Wales is presented in broadly the same format as previous years. The non-mountain figures have been separated from the mountain incidents.

All clinical diagnoses and causes of incidents are those made on the spot; not all incidents have follow up reports from a Coroners Court or hospital.

In spite of a new, inexperienced eye sifting the reports, there has been a gratifying comparison with previous years statistics. However, minute comparisons will not be valid as a new collator will have a different perception of incidents, and indeed is still learning to read between the lines of a report.

There is a new category of incident under the heading of "Other Sports Activities". This includes all legitimate hill and moorland recreation other than walking or climbing.

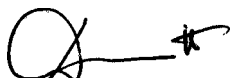
Incidents in the Lakeland category of "Beck scrambling" remain, for the moment, as Winter/Summer Walking incidents. This is because:

1. It is an activity considered more likely to be pursued by walkers.
2. Until and unless the activity is recognised and reported by all regions, there will be no consistency.

The figures for FOOTWEAR GOOD have been removed. Recent changes in footwear technology (and fashion) make criticism of footwear very subjective. The days when hobnail boots were the walker's norm are long gone. The figures for inadequate footwear are so inconsistent with previous years figures that they have not been reported. In essence, the Stats Officer must have made an error in his collation.

The Rescue Teams have, during the year, given over 20000 man-hours to 78 non-mountain incidents, involving 89 persons, of which 16 were unfortunately fatalities.

Finally, 40 sheep and a cow were rescued for local farmers.



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Hon Statistics Officer.

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Type	Lake Dist	NE Eng	York Dales	Mid Pen	Peak Dist	North Wales	South Wales	SW Eng	Total 1993	Total 1992	Total 1991
ROCK CLIMBING											
Incidents	12	4	1	1	18	14	0	1	51	67	70
Casualties	20	6	1	1	18	16	0	1	63	74	81
Fatalities	0	0	0	0	(2)	(4)	0	0	(6)	(3)	(4)
SNOW/ICE CLIMBING											
Incidents	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	18
Casualties	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	22
Fatalities	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	(1)	(2)
FELL WALK (Apr-Oct)											
Incidents	184	13	21	7	30	44	20	10	329	242	214
Casualties	253	27	24	13	37	78	70	31	533	219	262
Fatalities	(14)	0	0	(1)	(3)	(5)	0	0	(23)	(25)	(18)
FELL WALK (Nov-Mar)											
Incidents	68	6	7	3	14	32	5	3	138	104	80
Casualties	97	15	8	3	19	44	7	8	201	127	98
Fatalities	(5)	0	(3)	0	(1)	(2)	(2)	0	(13)	(6)	(12)
SEARCHES INJURED											
Incidents	11	1	3	1	1	2	4	0	23	28	19
Casualties	17	2	7	1	1	2	5	0	35	40	31
Fatalities	(3)	0	0	0	0	(2)	(1)	0	(6)	(1)	(4)
SEARCHES UNINJURED											
Incidents	48	8	2	3	7	20	15	9	112	166	125
Persons	128	27	2	3	19	51	62	36	328	287	262
CRAGFAST UNHURT											
Incidents	8	1	0	0	0	5	3	1	19	40	58
Persons	14	1	0	0	0	6	3	1	25	65	79
TOTAL MOUNTAIN											
Incidents	317	33	31	17	71	99	29	13	610	649	584
Persons	451	56	35	21	80	136	82	41	902	998	870
TOTAL INJURED											
	323	29	33	18	61	85	20	5	574	578	465
FATALITIES											
Mountain	(23)	(2)	(8)	(1)	(6)	(11)	(2)	0	(53)	(60)	(65)
Non-Mountain	(2)	(2)	0	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	0	(17)		
HELICOPTERS (inc Non-Mountain)											
TOTAL	65	4	0	4	6	55	12	3	149		
SEARCH	8	1	0	1	2	7	8	2	29	111	
RESCUE	60	1	0	0	2	52	1	0	116	103	101
NON-MOUNTAIN	0	2	0	3	2	1	4	1	12	N/R	N/R
SARDA											
	21	3	2	1	4	9	6	8	54		
OTHER ACTIVITIES											
Paragliding	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4		
Hang gliding	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2		
Mountain Bike	5	3	1	2	2	1	1	0	15		
Trail Bike	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Equestrian	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	6		
Orient/Run	5	4	0	3	2	0	1	0	15		
Toboggan/Ski	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Aquatic	4(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4(2)		
Aircraft											
Occupation											
NON-MOUNTAIN											
Incidents	11	10	0	19	17	12	10	7	86		
Persons	13	10	0	16	17	12	10	9	87		
Fatalities	(2)	(1)	0	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(16)		
SARDA	2	7	0	14	9	7	7	2	48		

FREQUENCY OF INJURIES - ENGLAND AND WALES 1993

Type	Fell Walking Winter	Fell Walking Summer	Rock Climb	Snow /Ice Climb	Other Sports	Total 1993	Total 1992	Total 1991	Total 1990
Lower Leg, Knee & Foot	52	120	18	0	20	210	184	117	152
Upper leg	1	4	3	0	5	13	50	43	43
Pelvis & Spine	3	6	2	0	2	13	18	20	20
Chest	1	3	3	1	0	8	5	4	12
Back - Bruising	5	3	5	0	1	14	15	15	18
Back - Fracture	0	1	0	0	2	3	8	3	3
Neck	1	2	3	0	2	8	0	0	
Internal	0	1	1	0	0	2	8	5	4
Arm & Shoulder	7	20	12	1	14	54	29	25	16
Head fatal No helmet	0	4	2	0	0	6	15	13	5
Head fatal With helmet	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	3
Head injury No helmet	7	22	8	1	3	41	43	40	36
Head injury With helmet	0	0	4	0	3	7	7	7	7
Multiple Abrasions	3	8	6	0	1	18	14	10	8
Exhaustion Summer	0	12	0	0	2	14	23	19	31
Exhaustion Winter	3	0	0	0	0	3	10	13	7
Hypothermia Fatal Summer	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
Hypothermia Fatal Winter	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	2
Hypothermia Non-Fatal Summer	0	7	0	0	1	8	23	12	16
Hypothermia Non-Fatal Winter	4	0	2	1	0	7	30	22	11
Heart Attack Fatal	6	19	0	0	0	25	28	26	13
Heart attack Non-fatal	4	6	0	0	0	10	14	13	6
Illness	5	17	0	0	0	22	39	34	33
Drowning Mountain	4	1	0	0	2	5	5	4	
Drowning Non-mountain	6	0	0	0	0	6			

MAIN CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS - ENGLAND AND WALES 1993

	TOTALS 1993	TOTALS 1992	TOTALS 1991	TOTALS 1990
Slips fell walking poor footwear (now recorded elsewhere)	N/R	102	103	122
Slips fell walking snow/ice conditions	35	14	11	10
No axe + crampons	33	8	5	6
Falls rock climbing or abseiling				
Roped	11	16	22	17
Solo	40	13	25	22
Falls ice/snow climbing or abseiling				
Roped	0	3	4	3
Solo	2	2	4	1
Belay or runner failure				
Climbing	4	17	12	17
Abseiling	2	5	4	2
Rock fall	3	8	6	6
Avalanche	0	2	5	0
Collapses (medical)				
Fatal	25	26	27	14
Non-fatal	15	48	11	37
Inexperience/ignorance/incompetence & footwear				
April-October	20	91	100	118
November-March	8	53	55	68
Suicide	2	4	13	7
Attempted suicide	?	8	5	8
Lightning strike	0	0	0	0
Aircraft	2 (3)			
False alarm	30			
Hoax	3			
Other sport	47			