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This year's incidents and accidents in England and Wales are summarized as follows:-

	INCIDENTS	FATALITIES	INJURED	TOTAL PERSONS ASSISTED
1995	656	52	474	900
1994	634	39	486	929
1993	610	53	323	902
1992	649	62	582	998

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.

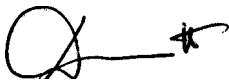
Although the reported fatalities has risen to 52, close to the 1993 figure, there is a distortion created by one aircraft incident in which 12 people died. Excluding this, hopefully exceptional, one incident, the total of recreational deaths becomes 40. Climbing and hill walking misadventure deaths remain virtually constant whilst medical collapses, at 15, is a further reduction of 3.

The other sports activities produced 51 incidents, a reduction of 21 an the figures for 1994. This represents a small increase in Mountain Bike and a larger decrease in Fell Running and Orienteering mishaps. The fatalities (excluding the unusual aircraft figures) remain constant.

In accordance with the wishes of the MRC, a category of "Consultancy" has been added. This covers occasions when advice has been sought from Mountain Rescue sources and the advice has been to wait. It also includes those incidents in which the decision was to initiate a call out, but the missing persons turned up before the call out was instigated. There were 33 incidents in this category.

During the year there were 144 calls on Mountain Rescue personnel to assist the Police with non-mountain incidents, an increase of 35.8%. This is reflected in a total of more than 25000 man-hours, an increase of 66.7%. This was an increase of 26.7% in the number of casualties. There was a total of 18 fatalities in this category.

Finally, 101 sheep and 5 dogs were rescued for local residents.



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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 1995	Total 1994	Total 1993
ROCK CLIMBING											
Incidents	13	0	5	2	16	19	1	1	57	56	51
Casualties	14		1	2	17	37	1	1	73	70	63
Fatalities	(1)				(1)	(2)		(1)	(5)	(5)	(6)
SNOW/ICE CLIMBING											
Incidents	4					2			6	3	2
Casualties	10					2			12	4	2
Fatalities	(0)					(0)			(0)	(1)	(1)
FELL WALK (Apr-Oct)											
Incidents	179	14	27	7	39	46	12	10	334	303	329
Casualties	265	20	32	7	43	64	35	22	488	465	533
Fatalities	(14)	(1)	(1)	(0)	(3)	(3)	(0)	(0)	(22)	(10)	(23)
FELL WALK (Nov-Mar)											
Incidents	80	6	9	5	24	20	14	3	161	153	138
Casualties	123	6	12	5	24	36	23	11	240	300	201
Fatalities	(3)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(5)	(15)	(13)
SEARCHES INJURED											
Incidents	7	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	13	18	23
Casualties	10	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	16	34	35
Fatalities	(4)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(4)	(5)	(6)
SEARCHES UNINJURED											
Incidents	44	2	6	2	8	21	8	7	98	102	112
Persons	75	8	12	2	15	58	27	27	224	341	328
CRAGFAST UNHURT											
Incidents	11	0	2	0	3	7	0	0	23	20	19
Persons	23	0	3	0	4	14	0	0	44	23	25
TOTAL MOUNTAIN											
Incidents	320	23	47	21	94	100	35	16	656	634	610
Persons	451	23	65	16	99	151	61	34	900	929	902
TOTAL INJURED											
	228	20	47	13	82	63	15	6	474	486	574
FATALITIES											
Mountain	(20)	(3)	(13)	(1)	(6)	(6)	(2)	(1)	(52)	(39)	(53)
Non-Mountain	(6)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(18)	(23)	(17)
HELICOPTERS (inc Non-Mountain)											
TOTAL	55	9	1	21	15	59	8	5	173	220	149
SEARCH	8	2	0	6	2	6	2	1	27	27	29
RESCUE	44	3	1	4	12	50	5	2	121	171	116
NON-MOUNTAIN	2	3	0	11	2	2	1	2	23	19	12
SARDA	31	2	2	2	7	11	8	4	67	57	54
OTHER ACTIVITIES											
Paragliding	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	9	10	4
Hang gliding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mountain Bike	7	1	1	1	6(1)	0	0	0	16	12	15
Trail Bike	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1
Equestrian	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	6
Orient/Run	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	19	15
Toboggan/Ski	0/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/2	3	1
Aquatic	4(2)	1(1)	0	1(1)	1	1	0	0	8(4)	10(3)	4(2)
Aircraft	0	0	2(12)	0	0	2(1)	1(2)	0	5(15)	3(4)	
Occupation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	
NON-MOUNTAIN											
Incidents	30	8	2	35	22	15	14	19	144	106	86
Persons	40	8	2	31	20	15	13	19	147	116	87
Fatalities	(6)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(18)	(23)	(16)
SARDA	7	4	1	21	15	13	8	13	82	61	48

FREQUENCY OF INJURIES - ENGLAND AND WALES 1995

Type	Fell Walking Winter	Fell Walking Summer	Rock Climb	Snow /Ice Climb	Other Sports	Total 1995	Total 1994	Total 1993	Total 1992	Total 1991
Lower Leg, Knee & Foot	26	118	16	3	11	171	221	210	184	117
Upper leg	2	7	1	0	0	10	14	13	50	43
Pelvis & Spine	1	6	1	0	0	8	24	13	18	20
Chest	4	3	3	1	4	15	17	8	5	4
Back - Bruising	5	6	12	1	4	28	17	14	15	15
Back - Fracture	0	1	6	0	1	8	7	3	8	3
Neck	0	1	2	1	1	5	2	8	0	0
Internal	0	3	0	0	1	4	8	2	8	5
Arm & Shoulder	13	18	10	1	9	51	30	54	29	25
Head fatal No helmet	3	4	3	0	0	10	3	6	15	13
Head fatal With helmet	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	6
Head injury No helmet	11	26	11	2	2	52	52	41	43	40
Head injury With helmet	0	0	4	1	6	11	4	7	7	7
Multiple Abrasions	3	8	1	1	0	13	21	18	14	10
Exhaustion Summer	0	10	0	0	1	11	16	14	23	19
Exhaustion Winter	6	0	0	0	0	6	4	3	10	13
Hypothermia Fatal Summer	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Hypothermia Fatal Winter	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3
Hypothermia Non-Fatal Summer	0	11	0	0	0	11	15	8	23	12
Hypothermia Non-Fatal Winter	12	0	0	0	0	12	5	7	30	22
Heart Attack Fatal	2	10	0	0	2	14	18	25	28	26
Heart attack Non-fatal	0	6	0	0	0	6	7	10	14	13
Illness	10	30	0	0	1	41	38	22	39	34
Drowning Mountain	1	0	0	0	3	4	3	5	5	4
Drowning Non-mountain	0	0	0	0	0	8	7			

MAIN CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS - ENGLAND AND WALES 1995

	TOTALS 1995	TOTALS 1994	TOTALS 1993	TOTALS 1992	TOTALS 1991
Slips fell walking poor footwear (now recorded elsewhere)			N/R	102	103
Slips fell walking snow/ice conditions	50	26	35	14	11
No axe ±crampons	44	25	33	8	5
Falls rock climbing or abseiling					
Roped	8	8	11	16	22
Solo	37	45	40	13	25
Falls ice/snow climbing or abseiling					
Roped	1	1	0	3	4
Solo	2	2	2	2	4
Belay or runner failure					
Climbing	6	11	4	17	12
Abseiling	1	0	2	5	4
Rock fall	7	7	3	8	6
Avalanche	3	1	0	2	5
Collapses (medical)					
Fatal	15	18	25	26	27
Non-fatal	52	45	15	48	11
Inexperience/ignorance/incompetence & footwear					
April-October	20	35	20	91	100
November-March	14	23	8	53	55
Suicide	3	2	2	4	13
Attempted suicide				8	5
Lightning strike	0	0	0	0	0
Aircraft	5 (15)	3 (4)	2 (3)		
False alarm	42	47	30		
Hoax	2	2	3		
Other sport	45	64	47		
Occupation	1	3			
Snake Bite	1				
Burns	1				
Consultancy	33				