# Incident Descriptions and Reporting Instructions

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| CATASTROPHIC  | • Fatality or hospitalization for a life-threatening or critical condition  
• Allegation of suspected sexual abuse  
• Victimization of Scout  
| • Vehicle accident, theft, or damage with a greater than $1 million loss  
• Litigation anticipated  
• National publicity or media attention  
| IMMEDIATELY do the following:  
1. Get help for injured parties (e.g., call 911).  
2. Notify the council Scout executive.  
4. Forward the incident report to your local council enterprise risk management contact.  
5. Ask the council contact to enter the incident into the RiskConsole incident reporting system.  
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| SERIOUS/CRITICAL | • Hospitalization for less than a life-threatening or critical condition  
• Transport to the ER in an emergency vehicle  
• Allegation of suspected non-sexual child abuse  
• Communicable disease outbreak or mass foodborne illness  
| • Vehicle accident, theft, or damage with a $100,000 to $1 million loss  
• Building or camp shut down for more than a day  
• Bomb threat  
• Local publicity or media attention  
| Within 24 hours, do the following:  
1. Get help for injured parties (e.g., call 911).  
2. Notify the council Scout executive.  
4. Forward the incident report to your local council enterprise risk management contact.  
5. Ask the council contact to enter the incident into the RiskConsole incident reporting system.  
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| MARGINAL       | • First aid  
• Transport to the ER in a personal vehicle and released  
• Serious near miss  
• Emergency response initiated  
| • Vehicle accident, theft, or damage with a $100,000 loss or less  
• Program area closed down for safety concerns  
• Emergency response initiated  
| In no later than five days, do the following:  
1. Attend to any injured parties.  
3. Forward the incident report to your local council enterprise risk management contact.  
4. Ask the council contact to enter the incident into the RiskConsole incident reporting system.  
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| NEGLIGIBLE     | • Near miss  
• Injury/illness not requiring first aid  
| • Vehicle accident, theft, or damage with a loss of $100,000 or less  
| By the end of the unit recharter year, do the following:  
1. Complete a Near Miss Incident Information Report, No. 680-017.  
2. Keep the report in your unit or forward to the enterprise risk management contact.  
3. Evaluate near misses in your unit or council each year for any lessons learned and/or program enhancements.  
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**NOTE:** This matrix does not supersede reporting requirements for specific program activities (e.g., pilot programs or climbing near misses), reporting required by law, BSA Youth Protection reporting requirements, or BSA employee death or multiple injury reporting requirements to OSHA.
**First Aid**
An injury or illness treated by Scout-rendered first aid but does not include treatment that has to be done by a medical professional such as a nurse, EMT, or doctor. Scout-rendered includes a Scout or Scouter.

**Near Miss**
An unplanned event that DID NOT result in injury, illness, or damage by definition, but had the potential to cause less than serious damage or injury.

**Serious Near Miss**
An unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage by definition (e.g., emergency response was called to find a lost Scout), but had the potential to cause serious damage or injury.

**Vehicle Accident**
An unintentional damaging event involving one or more vehicles that causes damage to the vehicle, damage to property, or physical harm. Vehicles include automobiles and other motorized equipment (e.g., four-wheelers, farm equipment, industrial equipment, or motorcycles).

**Victimization of Scout**
An intentional incident in which a Scout is physically or psychologically harmed.