



EMS Information Bulletin 2017-07

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SUBJECT: Drowning and near drowning event reporting

TO: Pennsylvania EMS Agencies

FROM: Aaron M. Rhone, EMS Program Manager

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Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning is the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 1 and 4 in the United States.

To assist in protecting the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians, the Bureau of EMS (Bureau) is collaborating with the Bureau of Community Health Systems (BCHS) to investigate drowning and near drowning events within the commonwealth as required by BCHS regulations. To accomplish their requirement of having an environmental health specialist complete an operational inspection at regulated facilities, BCHS needs to be made aware whenever a drowning or near drowning event occurs in Pennsylvania.

The Bureau is asking EMS agencies to complete the attached form within 72 hours of a drowning or near drowning event and fax it to BCHS at 717-783-4790, so that they can initiate their process.

Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Rising from BCHS at 570-275-7093 or at nrising@pa.gov if there are any questions or issues related to this form.



REPORT FORM FOR DROWNING / NEAR DROWNING CALLS

FAX FORM TO 717-783-4790

Date of Call: _____

Location Type: _____
(ie. Home Owners Association, Public Pool, Hotel, School)

Facility Name: _____

Facility Street Address: _____

County: _____

Municipality: _____

Questions regarding the completion of this form can be directed to:

Nancy Rising at 570-275-7093 or via e-mail at nrising@pa.gov