

I. The Safety and Techniques Committee is a committee within the Education Division, which is under the Department of the Administrative Vice President.

II. The goal of the Safety and Techniques Committee is "Safety Through Knowledge". Activities of the Committee include analyzing and reporting accidents and near accidents, equipment study and testing, and development of safe caving techniques. (Act 91-330)

III. The Safety and Techniques Committee of the NSS should be the repository for all information relating to caving safety, techniques, and equipment and is charged with the following activities and responsibilities:

(1) Provide assistance to internal organizations in regard to caving techniques, equipment, and safety considerations as requested, and in the establishment of grotto safety committees and educational programs.

(2) Upon request provide assistance and advice to other Society committees, activities, and programs in regard to caving techniques, equipment, and safety considerations.

(3) Prepare short articles on various caving techniques and/or equipment for distribution to the NSS membership; such activity should be coordinated through the Caving Information Series.

(4) Prepare slide show programs on various caving equipment, techniques, first aid, and safety considerations, with distribution to be coordinated through the Audio-Visual Aids Committee.

(5) Provide information concerning caving techniques, equipment, safety, and safety education to the membership upon request and through the NSS NEWS.

(6) Conduct valuations on existing and new equipment used in caving and report these evaluations in a clear, objective, and precise manner to the membership via the NSS NEWS.

(7) Collect, catalog, and evaluate reports of caving accidents, equipment failures, and similar phenomena; provide non-anonymous information to the Editor for publication in AMERICAN CAVING ACCIDENTS; and, at the discretion of the Safety and Techniques Committee Chairman, report or publish such information through other outlets.

(8) Maintain and develop a repository of knowledge and information concerned with caving safety, techniques, and equipment, and conduct research on the improvement of existing caving equipment and the development of new caving techniques and educational methods.

(9) Work with equipment manufacturers and distributors to mitigate or eliminate safety hazards of equipment.