

SAFETY
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Reported accidents are down slightly from this same time period a year ago. Nationally, there have been 404 reports filed so far in 2003 (434 in 2002), with our 11-12 year olds continuing to lead the pack. The majority of the accidents are occurring in the water (39%) at meets (45%).

There have been 12 reports filed so far in our LSC for 2003. 4 involved slips or trips while walking on deck, one involved getting cut on a soap dish in a locker room and the rest were water related injuries mostly involving the wall - i.e. getting cut while exiting the pool or doing a flip turn.

USA Swim has requested that we all please use the most recent copy of the Report of Occurrence form. They always include a copy in the club insurance packet each year and it can also be found on their website. In addition, Tom has posted it on our SE website. I have included a copy with my report.

I am also including a USA Swim article that references the Meet Safety Marshal. This detailed job description outlines the Safety Marshal's roles and responsibilities - Pre-meet, during the meet, and post meet. The Marshal is to be USS registered and should have no other meet responsibilities. The job will require their full attention through out the meet. USA Swim continues to emphasize and promote this position as a positive and highly effective deterrent to unsafe behavior.

Cindy Smith
SE Safety Chairman

