

# FARO Action Group on Field Safety Risk Management

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# Concept of the Action Group

Share good practices among station operators

- Discuss approaches for managing safety risk in arctic field research
- Use FARO website to post practices, procedures, policies for general use
- Variety of topics from polar bears to crevasses
- Share training course opportunities
- Share near-miss and incident information

# Implementation

- Self-identified members interested in field safety risk management
  - Dirk Mengedoht, Germany
  - Morten Rasch, Denmark
  - Nick Cox, UK
  - Renee Crain, USA – others welcome
- One call with Nick – identified areas of interest such as polar bear protection
- Will work with Lillian to add a section to the website
- We will continue to circulate materials and hold teleconferences to develop content

# Contributing Materials

- ⦿ Practices/procedures
  - Anything written about polar bears, camping, sea ice safety etc.
  - Codes of conduct or other behavioral guidelines
  - Medical screening practices
- ⦿ Significant incidents that others can learn from

# Example Resources


Svalbard Policies and Regulations  
Ship-board risk management practices  
Expedition planning documents  
External resources

HOME SERVICES PROJECT LOCATIONS FOR RESEARCHERS MEDICAL ABOUT CONTACT

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## Risk Management Tools

- [Field Itinerary for Research Groups](#) provides guidelines on what information should be relayed to your emergency contact(s). [Download the form](#) to fill out and leave with them while you are in the field.
- [Field Emergency Action Plan\(EAP\)](#) will help personnel prepare for an incident before leaving for the field, and in the field. [Download the document](#) to prepare this helpful resource before you go!
- [AMSEA's Seven Steps to Survival](#) was developed as a plan to survive in any environment. This seven steps plan can be applied to a land, water, or life raft survival scenario.
- [Know Before You Go](#) covers the breadth of information you should gather, and questions you should ask, before you travel to the Arctic.



*Remote and wild, the Arctic presents unusual challenges. Protect your research by equipping yourself to handle risks effectively. Photo: Josh Bacon*

## Risk Management


- [CPS Field Training Courses](#)
- [CPS Field Training Schedule](#)
- [Third-party field training](#)
- [Bear Information](#)
- [Risk Management Tools](#)
- [AFT Handouts & Links](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Survival Bags](#)
- [Clothing Lists](#)
- [Medical Kits](#)
- [Photo Gallery](#)

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