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**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 June 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Megan Armistead <x@xx>  
**Cc:** Bronwyn Hall <x@xx>; Andre Lubbe <x@xx>  
**Subject:** Worksafe Notification re Glenfield Incident

Hi Megan

Further to my conversation with Graham Ross and Martyn Griffiths who attended the Glenfield rec centre today to review the incident with staff where a young man became unconscious underwater and was taken to Auckland City Hospital I have filled in the Worksafe Online Notification tool (printout attached) and rang and left a message for Justin Michels our primary Worksafe contact. I am waiting for Justin to return my call as he was unavailable to speak.

As an update, we have been told by the hospital that the young man concerned is now in a serious but stable condition. We have spoken to his family who have, I am told, been responsive to our engagement so far.

It appears from viewing the CCTV footage that the young man was practicing holding his breath underwater water and lost consciousness. He floated to the surface where he was spotted by our lifeguard who retrieved him and began CPR, then an AED utilized and by this time St John Ambulance had arrived on scene and transported him to the Auckland City Hospital.

I will update you as soon as I find out more.

Kind regards  
John

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**Subject:** Conversation with Worksafe

Afternoon all,

Justin Michels, our primary Worksafe contact returned my call just now. We had a good conversation about the Glenfield pool incident and I came away from the call feeling reasonably comfortable.

As you are aware, we completed the online Worksafe notification template yesterday afternoon which I copied to Megan and Bron. The notification goes through a triage process at Worksafe which decides the path it takes and whether or not they will do their own investigation or whether they will simply touch base and check they are happy with the investigation conducted by Council.

I spent some time going through the incident details (as I know them) with Justin and he feels we have followed the right processes and in a timely and organised manner. He was find with the fact we did not freeze the scene – would not achieve much was his comment. Justin did not commit to which triage path would be followed but I got the feeling it would be the path where Worksafe will want us to share our findings which they would then review with us. Justin did say he would expect some robust outcomes from our investigation and not simply “train more people” or other administrative controls, more PPE or other “light touches”. Some food for thought.

Anyway, once the notification has been triaged it will come across Justin’s desk and he will be in touch.

Kind regards  
John

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Worksafe Notification

# Injury

## Review

### 1. Initial questions

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#### Before we get started

**Are you authorised to report this event?**

Yes

**Was the event work-related or in a place of work?**

Yes

**Did the event involve any of the following?**

None of these

**Have you (or anyone else) called us already about this event?**

Yes

**What treatment did the injured person receive?**

Admitted to hospital

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## 2. Victim & Injury details

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**How many people were injured?**

1

### Victim details

**What is the person's relationship to your business or organisation?**

Other

**What is their gender?**

Male

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### Injury details

**Where was the person hurt?**

I don't know:

**What were they injured by?**

Indoor or outdoor environment

**How were they hurt?**

Other

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## 3. Event Details

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### **What date did the event happen?**

23/06/2020

### **What time did the event happen?**

8:48 PM

### **What is the address where the event happened?**

73 Bentley Avenue, Glenfield, Auckland 0629, New Zealand

### **Describe where at the address the event happened.**

In the swimming pool at the Auckland Council recreation centre.

### **How did the event happen?**

The young man was practicing holding his breath under water in the swimming pool. It is thought he became unconscious underwater then floated to the surface where he was spotted by the pool lifeguard.

### **What were the conditions at the time of the event?**

The swimming pool is an inside facility not exposed to the elements. The centre is well lit. It was supervised by experienced life guard who was on duty at the time of the incident.

### **Has the scene been preserved?**

No

### **Has your business or organisation begun investigating the event?**

Yes

**Has another government organisation been notified?**

No other agency notified

## **4. Business or Organisation (PCBU) Details**

**Legal name**

Auckland Council

**NZBN**

9429000034753

**Physical address**

135 Albert Street, Auckland

**Postal address**

Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West, Auckland

**Website**

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>

**Industry**

Arts, Recreation and Other Services

**Are there Health & Safety representatives at the workplace?**

Yes

**Have any of them received the NZQA training?**

Yes

**Who should we contact about this notification?**

John Lee

**Email address for the contact person**

[john.lee@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:john.lee@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

**Direct dial phone number for the contact person**

021-425-679

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## 5. Contact details

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### **Your name**

John Lee

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### **Your phone number**

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### **Your job title or role**

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