



NySMAC – Field Safety Working Group: Terms of Reference

The NySMAC Field Safety Working Group was established in 2023 as a permanent fixture of NySMAC following on from a review of field safety in Ny-Ålesund. This document describes the objectives of the working group and how the information will be delivered to NySMAC.

Objectives

- Incident reporting – sharing of learning points between institutions
- Field log – sharing of current field conditions between institutions
- Continual assessment of safe field working practices in Ny-Ålesund
- Develop documentation on emergency procedures
- Develop common standard for station briefings

Membership

The working group is made up of representatives from the following institutions: NPI, AWI, UG, NCPOR, BAS and Kings Bay (as of August 2023).

Meetings

The working group will meet at least once between NySMAC meetings to discuss and develop the field safety objectives (outlined above) and share information between institutions.

Reporting

The working group will report its work and any recommendations through scheduled NySMAC meetings and the corresponding minutes.