



# CDTC Incident Reporting Form

In the case of an emergency on the Continental Divide Trail, *call 911 or local emergency number*. Report the emergency and ask the dispatcher to also call the local land management agency law enforcement officers. Report all incidents or suspicious activities that occur on the Continental Divide Trail to local rangers or law enforcement officers as soon as possible; then use this form to report to and document with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC).

Report all trail emergencies, incidents, suspicious activities, or information on persons to be on the lookout for to CDTC. This form can be completed electronically and e-mailed as an attachment, or printed, completed, and then faxed or mailed. Please use additional pages and attach photos, maps, drawings, or additional information if needed. CDTC may share this report with law enforcement officials, land-managing agencies, and other entities involved in the management of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

**To submit incident reports:**

E-mail: [info@continentaldivide-trail.org](mailto:info@continentaldivide-trail.org)

Mail: Incidents, CDTC, 710 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 200, Golden, CO 80401.

Call: 303-996-2759

**Contact Information of Reporting Individual:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

“Trail name”, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Best telephone number to contact or leave a message: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

Best time of day to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: While CDTC will make every attempt to respect your privacy and will not share these reports publicly, names and contact information may be shared with law enforcement agencies to help support response to some situations, depending on the nature of the situation.*

**Reporting the Incident:** Please document the information and/or activities CDTC or land management agencies should be aware of along the CDT.

Date/time of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the incident been reported to law enforcement, fire, or search/rescue agency?  Yes  No

If yes, what was the response? Please provide contact names and numbers/emails of contacted officials.

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**Type of incident** (please check as many as apply; may fit more than one category):

Is this a report of an Emergency? Yes No

If yes, please describe the emergency type: Fire Search/rescue/medical emergency?

Has the emergency been resolved? Yes No

If no: CALL 911 if you have not already initiated emergency response.

Are you reporting a crime? Yes No

**What type of crime are you reporting?**

Criminal/Suspicious Activity Disorderly/suspicious behavior Personal Property Theft

Drug/alcohol abuse Car break-in/vandalism Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other type of incident:**

Natural Resource Concern ATV/ORV use Dumping Resource damage

Aggressive animal ( wild animal domestic animal) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** (be as specific as possible; provide Guthook mileage number, any point data, photos, CDT map number, name of nearest town, or road; GPS coordinates, general location/type of lands, if known):

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**Who is involved?** (provide names and trail names if known):

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*Provide name, trail name, and contact information for anyone who may be able to provide additional info:*

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**Describe what happened** (use additional sheet if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Missing Individuals:** After contacting appropriate law enforcement/search and rescue or other personnel, please complete this section if there is a request to locate or be on the lookout for someone.

**How was law enforcement notified?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person of concern:** Family member Friend Colleague

**The person is:** Missing Overdue

**Information/Description of missing or overdue individual/group:** Experienced Inexperienced

Novice/ Beginner Individual Group

**Name of individual/Group Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

Trail name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected time of contact /arrival: \_\_\_\_\_  
How many hours / days late is the individual / group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social media handle(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Male Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Does the hiker have a personal safety beacon or receiver: Yes No  
Have you had any contact with the individual through the personal safety beacon? Yes No  
If yes, have they initiated an S.O.S: Yes No  
If yes, is a rescue in progress? Yes No  
If yes, what is the individual's condition, status or need?  
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**Identifying features** (*birthmarks, scars, physical attributes, facial hair, tattoos, jewelry, glasses; use additional pages if needed*):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Known or possible health problems** (physical/mental/emotional): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Personality habits:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Backcountry gear description** (*pack, shoes, jackets, etc; color, type, brand etc*): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Description of clothing** (*type and color*): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle** (*make, model, color, state registration and number, bumper stickers*): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Itinerary:**

Thru-hiker Long-distance hiker Dayhiker Equestrian other \_\_\_\_\_  
Starting point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Direction of travel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Miles per day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last seen/ had contact with (date and place): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**In company of** (*Names/Trail names*):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Pets/Stock** (*breed, color, sex, size*):  
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**Any other information that may help in locating individual or group:**  
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**For CDTC Personnel**

Has this incident been resolved? Yes No  
 If yes, date of resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a solitary / stand-alone incident? Yes No  
 Is this one of many reports of the same or similar incident? Yes No  
 How many other reports of this incident or related incidents have been made? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of lead agency incident reported to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of agency contact reported to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency contact information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other agencies reported to or involved in investigation (include contact names, telephone numbers, emails with dates and times):  
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Report completed by (name, affiliation, e-mail, telephone):  
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Report distributed to (list names):  
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CDTC response, if any, beyond contacting officials/ Law enforcement or other agencies:  
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USFS CDT Program Administrator notified: Yes No  
 Local Land Manager notified: Yes No Land Manager LEO: Yes No  
 Local Law enforcement notified: Yes No  
 Agency Response: (include contact names, telephone numbers, emails with dates and times):  
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After walking out of Pie Town, we stopped at TLC Ranch, 16 miles into the day, for our first water source and a break in the shade provided by a shed roof of the nearly 100 year old log cabin. Our next water source was 7 miles north along the gravel road that had been the trail all day, highway 41. We reached mile 23 where there was a solar well, a large white tank, and a pipe with water trickling out. We dropped our packs at a large industrial tractor tire and prepared to fill bottles when a pop and immediate whirring sounded. I thought, "what animal makes that noise?" A second later I realized that a bullet had whizzed past my head and the pop was the report of a rifle. We ducked behind the tires as shots continue to sound from a ridge across the road. The shooter was between 100 - 200 meters up the hill concealed in the brush. My Marine tactical training came out and between shots of about every 29 to 30 seconds, I gathered my stuff, put on my pack and ran for a tree 50 meters away. As I ran, 3 more shots rang out and each time I hit the deck. I sheltered behind the tree and after about 10 long minutes, Earl made a dash. We staggered our dashes and ran parallel to the road for 3 or 4 hundred meters, trying to use the spare brush for cover. Shots continued. As we made the road and walked another half mile we heard a couple more shots. We then discovered cell service and called 911. The sheriff came in two vehicles arriving after we walked another 5 miles north. They gave us a ride to Grants.