Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Storm Point. On 21 July, Randy Charter (25) and David Dornan (29) were climbing on Storm Point. Carter was leading what looked like a moderately difficult pitch on the south face. He started to layback up a very large flake that broke off. It fell directly onto his left foot. He fell about 40 feet. Dornan was hit on the head by some rocks while holding the fall, but was uninjured, other than being dazed momentarily.

Source: Bob Irvine, Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Park.

Analysis: Carter had very little experience on rock of this nature. Had he been more experienced he would have tested the rock before attempting the layback.

Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Teewinot. On 10 August, Fred C. Jacobs (21) and four companions were descending Mt. Teewinot after a dual attempt on the summit via two different routes (2 in one party and 3 in the other). The party was regrouping after the lateness of the day forced both parties back off their routes. Jacobs was about 75 feet below two of his companions when one of them dislodged a rock which struck him on the forearm. Jacobs was able to return to the valley under his own power.

Source: Rick Reese, Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Park.

Analysis: The party should have been on the alert as to the location of all members of the party, particularly with darkness setting in.

Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, Grand Teton. On 31 August, Denis W. Robinson (20) and three companions were climbing the Exum Ridge. Robinson was leading the "Friction Pitch." As he reached for a handhold his shoulder dislocated. He was able to descend the Ridge under his own power with considerable assistance from his companions.

Source: Rick Reese, Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Park.

Analysis: The person reporting this accident did not have enough information regarding the nature of the injury nor the equipment at the scene of the accident. He did not know how serious the injury was or if he could descend under his own power; this delayed the rescue team for some time while they were assembling enough equipment to effect a carry-out from the "Friction Pitch." If it had been known that the injured person could travel under his own power the rescue team could have travelled much faster with lighter packs and been more assistance in helping the injured person.

California, Mt. Shasta. On 29 December, 1965, Les Wilson (34), John Crowley (20) and Fred Daenzer (20) left Berkeley, California, to attempt a climb of Mt. Shasta. In the course of the climb they became snowbound as the result of a violent storm for four days. They eventually walked out the South Western slope on January 7, 1966, seven days after their expected return. The climbers were in good condition. Their car had been located on 5 January at the 4,000 ft. level about a mile off Highway 97 and eight miles north of Weed on the northern side of the mountain. This initiated a considerable search effort that was largely frustrated by the weather and inadequate information concerning the climber's route.