

Rappel Equipment Irregularity Reporting Protocols

1. If a piece of equipment used in rappel or cargo letdown operations is suspected or proven to have contributed to a rappel related accident or incident with potential, the equipment shall be immediately sequestered and removed from service. The process for sequestering equipment and notifying agency specialists of such incidents shall follow any agency requirements.
2. The Interagency Helicopter Rappel Subcommittee is responsible for notifying all agency rappel users of known or suspected problems involving rappel or cargo letdown equipment.
3. The responsible regional HOS shall also notify their Regional Aviation Safety Manager. For DOI rappel operations; the responsible RAM/SAM shall also notify their national Aviation Safety Manager.
4. Individual members of IHRSC are responsible for disseminating information on corrective actions or policy changes to their respective constituents.