

Rope Rescue Command Checklist

Phase I Size up

Primary assessment

- Secure witness or reporting party (RP)
- Determine location, number and condition of victims
- Identify hazards to rescuers (rock fall, terrain etc.)
- Rescue mode or recovery mode

Secondary assessment

- Type of terrain
 - Non-technical (<40°)
 - Technical (>40°)
- Assess the need for additional personnel and or equipment (helicopter, support truck)

Phase II Pre-rescue operations

- Make general area safe (i.e., traffic and crowd control)
- Make rescue area safe
 - Establish lobby control and accountability
 - Designate safety officer
 - Develop incident action plan (see decision tree)
 - Develop backup plan
- Proper personal protective equipment
- Appropriate rescue and patient packaging equipment
- Equipment for subject (helmet, water, eye protection)
- Pre-rescue briefing

Phase III Rescue operations

- Deploy personnel
 - Insertion technique: hike, climb, helicopter, longline
 - Evacuation technique
 - Low angle, high angle raise/lower
 - Helicopter (internal load or longline)
- Transfer to ALS

Phase IV Termination

- Removal of equipment
- PAR - Personnel Accountability Report

