Rope Rescue Incident Checklist

SIZE-UP & INITIAL ACTIONS

- ❑ Establish Command and name the incident
- ❑ Ensure accountability system is utilized
- ❑ Determine if low (15-30º), medium (30-45º), or high angle (60-90º)
- ❑ Deny access to unauthorized persons
- ❑ Establish perimeters
- ❑ Limit personnel near edges
- ❑ Utilize fall protection for all near edge
- ❑ Secure witness or competent person, obtain all pertinent information
- ❑ Determine number and location of victim(s)
- ❑ Establish communication and determine condition of victim(s)
- ❑ Identify immediate hazards (unstable earth, falling objects, weather conditions)
- ❑ Determine if rescue or body recovery

REQUEST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES / SUPPORT

- ❑ Determine and announce Base location
- ❑ Special Operations / Technical Rescue Team(s)
- ❑ Rope Rescue Equipment
- ❑ Communications Equipment
- ❑ Law Enforcement
- ❑ Medical Aid
- ❑ Helicopter for extrication / transport
- ❑ Rehab
- ❑ Incident Dispatch Team

PRE-ENTRY OPERATIONS

- ❑ Assign necessary functions from Organizational Chart on reverse
- ❑ Don identification vests
- ❑ Perform an ongoing Risk versus Benefit analysis of rescue efforts
- ❑ Identify any additional or potential hazards
- ❑ Establish equipment cache area
- ❑ Determine mode of communications
- ❑ Lock-out / tagout equipment and potential ignition sources
- ❑ Ensure Back-up / R.I.T. teams are in place

RESCUE OPERATIONS

- ❑ Identify and establish strategic goals and objectives
- ❑ Develop Incident Action Plan and Back-Up Plan
- ❑ Illustrate systems to be utilized
- ❑ Brief crews, communicate plans
- ❑ Secure and don personal protective equipment including helmet, gloves, eye protection, class 3 harness
- ❑ Select appropriate anchor points
- ❑ Determine required mechanical advantage
- ❑ Assemble rope systems
- ❑ Ensure proper angles are utilized
- ❑ Perform safety checks and pre-tension systems
- ❑ Perform Safety briefing
- ❑ Operate systems and establish contact with patient
- ❑ Gain access to patient(s) and treat life-threatening conditions
- ❑ Provide patient(s) with helmet, goggles, and eye protection
- ❑ Perform patient packaging
- ❑ Extricate patient
- ❑ Provide necessary medical care
- ❑ Arrange transport of patient

TERMINATION

- ❑ Perform roll call to account for all involved personnel
- ❑ Secure tools and equipment
- ❑ Secure the scene
- ❑ Clean and inspect ropes and equipment
- ❑ Complete rope logs
- ❑ Call OSHA or other regulatory agencies
- ❑ Complete necessary documentation
- ❑ Conduct incident debriefing

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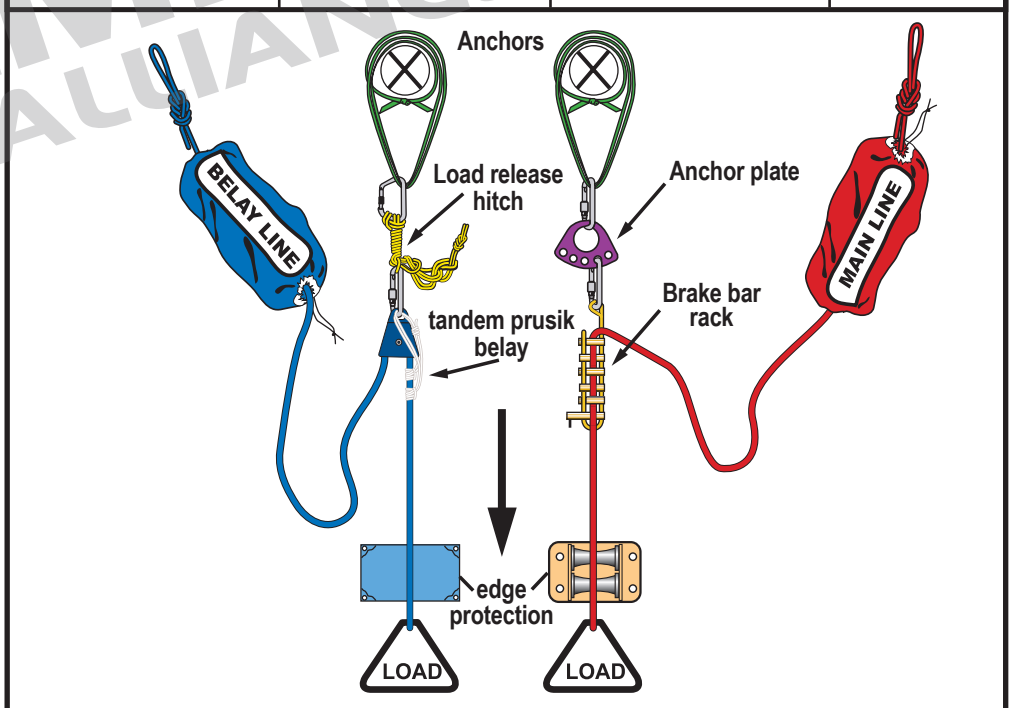
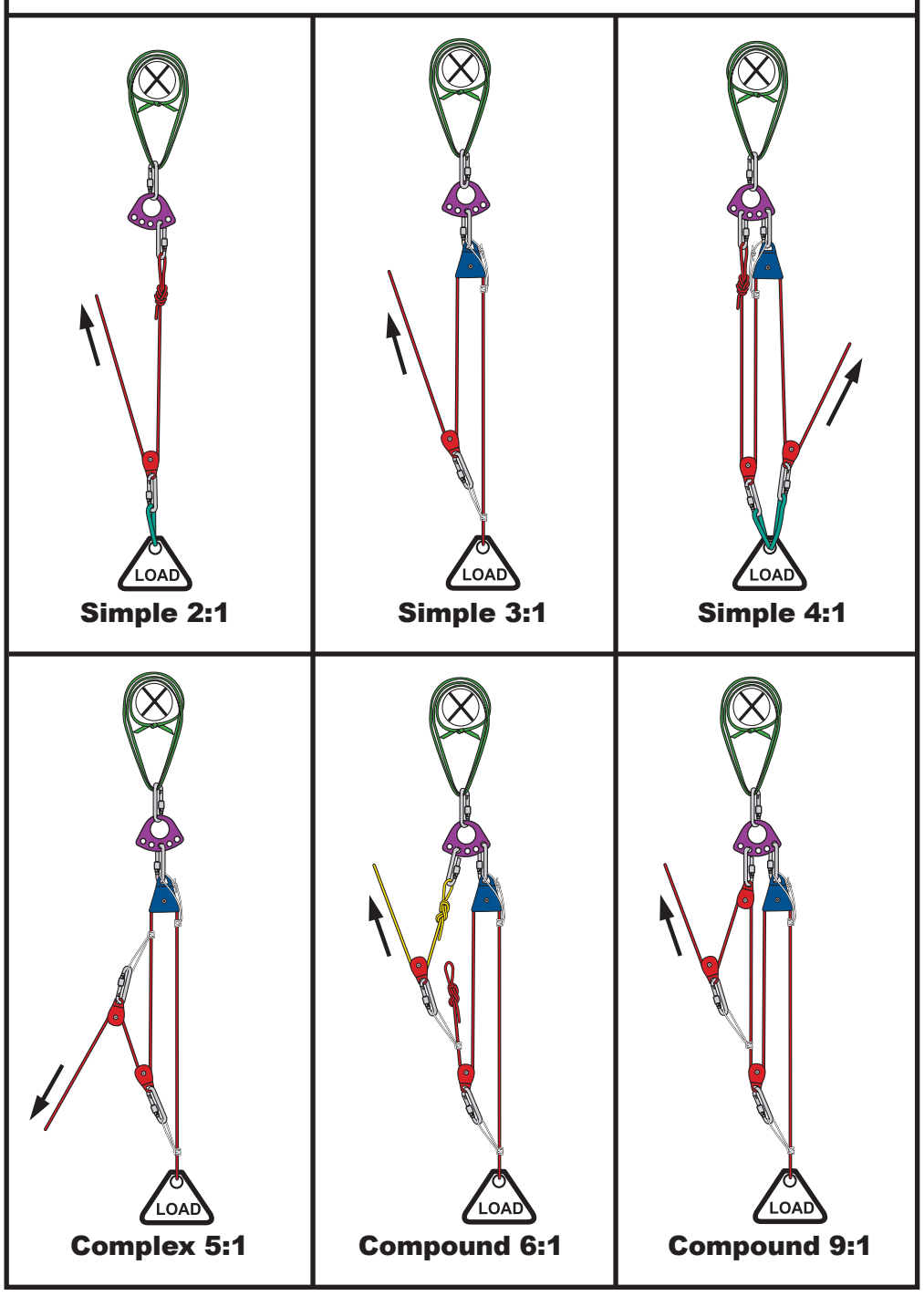
PROBLEMS	STRATEGIES	TACTICS	UNITS





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