

Major Incident Aide Memoire

- 1.** Take charge and assess the situation. Don't become another casualty by rushing in.
- 2.** Assess the casualty's injuries. - Talk to them.
- 3.** Call for help or get someone else to. **Call 999** (or 112) Use the magic words "**Fall From height**" "**Remote Location**" if appropriate. Give grid references for the casualty and nearest road access, if ambulance controller demands a post code which you don't have, speak to their supervisor, or re-make the call to the police. Send reliable people to meet the ambulance.
- 4.** Secure the casualty. If safe: disconnect the glider & harness if it is easy to do so
- 5.** Give first aid. **Airway-Breathing-Circulation**. Do not remove a casualty's helmet unless they are not breathing. Be alert to the possibility of spinal injuries.
- 6.** Hand over to the emergency services. Helicopter coming: Use gliders/bags to make an H signal to get other gliders out of the air. X signal means require medical assistance.

When the helicopter arrives Securely pack canopies, reserves, hang gliders out of the way of the downdraught. Signal to the pilot Yes (assistance needed here) stand facing the helicopter with arms raised making a Y shape, don't wave.

7. Help the investigation: Get names and contact details of witnesses. Secure the equipment for later examination(Wing, Harness Instruments,cameras). Note the weather conditions. Photos/video are extremely useful. Do everything you can to hang on to the kit. The information gained may save someone's life!

8. Complete an online Incident Report Form as soon as you can.

9. Don't talk to the media. Refer the press to the BHPA press officer.

10. Don't post on social media or club forums. Comments may hamper investigations, cause distress to relatives, mis-inform the media or be used in evidence.

Power Line Emergencies

People and/or gliders caught on potentially live power lines

Do not approach the casualty, high voltage electricity can travel a long way through the air or ground

Major Pylons Call National Grid emergency number **0800 40 40 90**

Local power networks Call UK Power networks Emergency **0800 3163 105**

Identify the location with a grid reference or the reference number on an adjacent pole or pylon.