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SAFETY NOTICE

- 1) An incident occurred where a jumper, jumping a conventional, one pin, student free fall rig had a total malfunction, when the pack refused to open after the ripcord had been pulled.
- 2) The cause of this incident was that the closure loop was made from heavy weight 'Cloud' line and because of extreme cold had frozen at a 90° angle preventing the pack from opening.
- 3) It is recommended that all ripcord loops should be checked and that nylon loops should not be made from anything other than, gutted 550lb line or equivalent. (When being used with zero grommets).
- 4) It is worth remembering that all loops, if damp are liable to freeze in the extreme cold.

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