

**Principles of Longline Remote Rigging**

1. Provide a Safety Breifing
2. Is there a safer way to accomplish the mission?
3. Are personnel qualified?
4. Have you inspected the equipment?
5. Always choose the best location, not the most convenient. Use exposed peaks and ridges, windward slopes, or open areas.
6. Be sure that your site has an adequate safety circle for the helicopter type if the helicopter must descend below obstacles.
7. Emergency procedures have been established and briefed.
8. Obtain allowable payload for helicopter.
9. Give actual weights of the cargo and hazmat notification to the helibase or the pilot.
10. Communicate information pertaining to how much longline will be needed at the site, known hazards (height), and current wind speed and direction.
11. With multiple loads, use a leadline to stagger one load to fly lower than the other. The heavier load should always be placed on the bottom.
12. Every load gets a swivel.
13. Establish radio communication with the pilot.
14. Brief pilot on hazards and mission objectives
15. Limit exposure for pilot, helicopter, and yourself.

