



RIGGING ADVISORY CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: APF POLICY ON COLOUR CODING STEERING TOGGLES FOR STUDENT TRAINING PARACHUTES.

STATUS: RECOMMENDED

BACKGROUND: A student training organisation experienced a fatality when the student cutaway from a main parachute for no apparent reason and then failed to activate the reserve parachute.

The steering toggles for the main parachute were yellow.

The student had been instructed to steer the main parachute using the 'yellow' steering toggles fitted by the manufacturer.

As is customary the SOS uses a 'yellow' handle to activate the cutaway and reserve deployment.

When the fatality was investigated it was considered conceivable that the student mistakenly operated the yellow SOS handle in the belief that this would steer the main parachute.

APF POLICY: It is recommended that steering toggles on student main parachute assemblies be colour coded mid blue and that students be trained to identify the toggles by the colour.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

AUTHORITY: APF Rigger workgroup.

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