

# Safety Briefing



## Accidents from Moving Cables

The accident record shows that accidents from moving winch cables overwhelmingly stem from a person acting on an unwarranted assumption about a cable being clear of aircraft and people. The majority of these accidents arise from:

- the cable interfering with a glider and/or pilots on the ground during the glider's retrieval to the launch point
- launching a glider with a cable lying underneath another glider on the ground
- driving the cable retrieve vehicle around the back of the launch point and returning to the winch with a cable still attached

Members should be taught the club's established operating procedure to be followed when towing cables and recovering broken cables. It is particularly important during a departure from an established operating procedure to make absolutely certain that there will be no danger to persons or aircraft from any cable and attached hardware.

A cable should always be treated as 'live' and only handled when necessary.

**Please do whatever you can to avoid a moving cable accident**

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