Throw Ropes

PROCEDURE

THE ROPE

Polypropylene, 3/8 inch thick, 50 feet in length, 700 lb capacity

When repacking, do not coil — just stuff it back in the bag

NEVER DO THIS

- Do NOT tie the rope to yourself
- Do NOT let the victim tie the rope to themselves
- Do NOT tie the rope to anything
- Be careful of loose rope — it can wrap a leg or foot, or throw or dislodge rocks
- Water rescue operations are inherently dangerous

TALK — REACH — THROW

- Talk: talk the victim to swim to shore, or aid in their own rescue
- Reach: reach to the victim to rescue
- Throw: throw the victim a throw rope, PFD, or rescue ring

THROWING TECHNIQUE

1. Yell to the victim
2. Throw slightly at or above the victim
3. Throw the bag overhand or underhand, holding on to the loop end
4. Let the victim pendulum into shore

Take Home Message:

Talk, reach, then throw — and never tie the rope to yourself, the victim, or anything else.