

Professional Ropes Course Association (PRCA)

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RE: Canopy Tour Safety and Recent International Accidents

The Professional Ropes Course Association has been asked to comment on the recent accidents on canopy tours that have occurred on some International tours. While individual cases are being adjudicated we have no way of ascertaining the full specifics of each incident. Therefore we are not yet in a position to comment on specific details.

The PRCA would like to invite "calm" in the industry as these few incidents are being reviewed. World-wide, canopy and zip line tours experience many thousands of uses per day without incident or injury. The outcome of the current reviews will determine if the root cause of these few accidents were mechanical failure or human error. Initial research leans towards human error.

The PRCA has been producing standards for the engineering, installation and operation of canopy / zip line tours since 2003. These standards are currently again undergoing review and updates, to address the recent changes, advances in technology and the extreme growth within the industry world-wide.

In the coming months, more information will become available regarding the updated standards for the benefit of your guests, operators, and all other materially affected parties. We ask for your support and patience in these ongoing efforts to enhance tour safety and operations via a professional consensus process and due diligence. For further information please feel free to contact the Professional Ropes Course Association.

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** Please consider joining us for the joint PRCA / WEA International Conference in Bloomington, IN, February 4-7, 2009. **



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