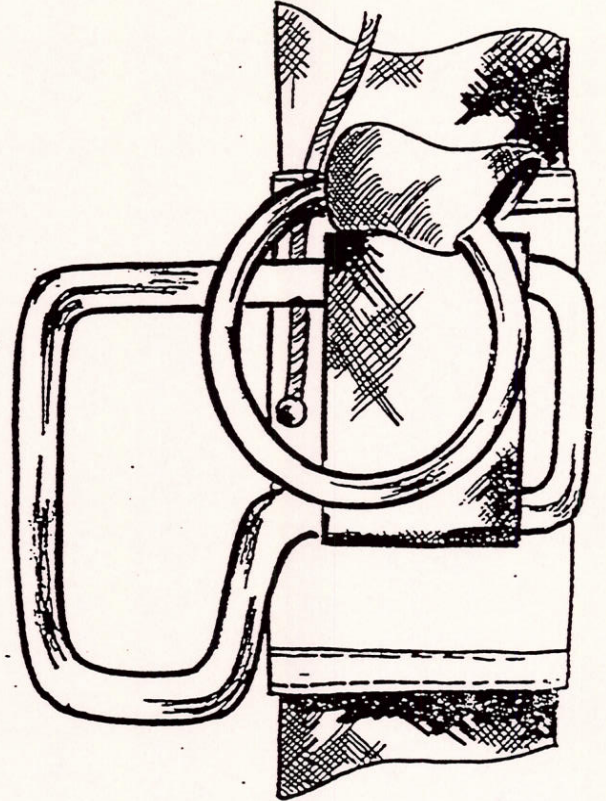

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION
SAFETY NOTICE

1. A fatal accident occurred at Duck End last Sunday (10th June) where an experienced parachutist failed to activate his reserve.
2. Subsequent examination of the Equipment revealed that a contributory factor may have been that the large ring (see diagram) on the 3 RING canopy release system, had, after jettisoning the main canopy, over-lapped the reserve ripcord handle making it impossible for the jumper to put fingers or thumb through the large ring as well as the reserve ripcord handle, thereby preventing the ripcord from activating the reserve.
3. Parachutists should check their equipment and if the above can happen, they should seek advice from their CCIs as to whether the reserve handle can be better positioned.
4. Any queries, phone either National Coach at the BPA Office.



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12th June 1984

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