

Safety recommendation no. 451

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Safety deficit	Rescue/fire brigade crews often do not take any safety precautions in relation to BPS (ballistic parachute system) when working and are neither informed nor trained. In an aircraft accident, those inside may be badly injured, and rescue crews have to be able to complete their work within a useful time; procedures involving telephone information from a BPS specialist via a number in the USA is impracticable.
Safety recommendation	All rescue services are to be trained on the potential risks of BPS. For this, it is essential to distinguish between:
	1. Training airport emergency response crews
	2. Cantonal police, emergency ambulances and fire fighters
	3. Cantonal disposal crews via cantonal police
	4. Search and Rescue (SAR) crews
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	Awaiting response. On the Civil Aviation Safety Officer (CASO) website, the FOCA takes the following position in relation to the present safety recommendation:
	In order to mitigate the safety deficits, a working group was established in the FOCA, consisting of colleagues from various safety departments. This working group reformulated the detailed and comprehensive safety recommendations into practically orientated and usable working packages. These cover the following areas:
	 Minimising risk to third parties, in particular for rescue forces by means of safety barriers
	Exchange of information
	Communication
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	Rapport final Schlussbericht Final report

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