



Safety recommendation no. 598

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Safety deficit	Emergency services are increasingly exposed to various hazards at accident sites, such as rocket propellants from ballistic parachute systems or high-voltage systems from electric propulsion systems. An accident involving an ultralight glider with electric propulsion on 22 July 2021 showed that information on the existence or non-existence of such hazards can only be provided incompletely and not in a timely manner. However, this would be necessary in order not to endanger emergency services and not to delay life-saving measures.
Safety recommendation	The Council of the International COSPAS-SARSAT Programme Agreement should, in cooperation with the states party to the agreement, make efforts to ensure that information, among other things, on the presence or absence of a Ballistic Parachute Systems (BPS) is included into the coding of aircraft 406 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT).
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