



Over The Edge

- Proud supplier of safe adventure experiences for Make-A-Wish Canada since 2012
- Since inception, Over The Edge has safely executed over 700 events for 60,000+ Edgers
- Over The Edge adheres to industrial rope access standards not recreational
- Over The Edge also has an external safety committee comprised of rope access industry professionals. On an annual basis, the committee reviews all standards and procedures to ensure OTE retains its best in class safety record
- Over The Edge carries \$10million of comprehensive insurance on every Make-A-Wish event

General Practices:

Conducts fund raising events using rope access standards.

Rope access is a set of techniques where ropes and specialized hardware are used as the primary means of providing access and support to the user. A two-rope system is employed: the working rope supports the user and the safety rope provides back-up fall protection. Each rope rated at over 6,000 lbs.

All events adhere to OSHA (US), CCOHS/PRO and CSA (Canada) regulations for working at height and fall protection.

Equipment:

Harness: Full-body harness, with a combination of a sit harness and a chest harness which are permanently or semi-permanently connected to each other. It is most commonly used in industrial/rescue situations. There are two independent connection points to each participant's harness.

Helmet: Industrial safety helmets required to be worn by anyone when in the event area.

Descender: Petzl ID which is a self-braking descender with anti-panic function, with multi-function handle that allows descent control. It enables the user to stop and go hands-free. The anti-panic function activates if the user pulls too hard on the handle.

Carabiners: Auto-locking gate carabiners for each participant connection point.

Safety:

Rope Procedures: Utilizes a two-rope system. The main rope supports the user as they rappel along with an additional safety rope that provides back-up fall protection.

A fall-arrest or back-up device travels down the safety rope and engages and stops the user if they go too fast. This is an automatic response from the device and requires no human interaction. Each rope set up to quickly lower participant to the ground if needed.



Bottom belayers are used to help control the last 20 feet and to assist with the safe landing of the participant. There is continuous radio communication between the participant, the Site Safety Supervisor and the bottom belay team who both have sight of participant.

Staffing: Over the Edge provides a team of certified rope technicians to manage the technical portion of the event. The Event Site Safety Supervisor (SSS) holds a Level 3 SPRAT and/or IRATA certificate, which is the highest obtainable certification in industrial rope access totaling years of experience and thousands of documented hours working on ropes.

The other OTE event rope staff (Staging Manager & Training Manager) hold Level 1 or 2 SPRAT and/or IRATA certification and additional staff are often Level 3.

Three independent participant equipment and safety checks by certified staff.

The technical rope staff's certification comes from the 3rd party accreditation of SPRAT or IRATA. The staff's skills are reviewed every three years by an independent SPRAT or IRATA evaluator.

OTE uses local volunteers to assist with the many aspects of the event. These volunteers perform support functions, which are under the supervision of the certified Level 3 Site Safety Supervisor and OTE staff. No participant can proceed with their rappel until an OTE certified staff member conducts a final safety check.

Additional safety protocol at Over the Edge Global:

- Pre- and post-event gear inspection protocol
- Regularly scheduled complete equipment kit inspections by certified Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) inspector
- Electronic documented inventory management and inspection program
- 36-page comprehensive Site Safety Inspection plan for each event
- Daily safety briefings on-site at all events
- Post job debrief report on all events
- Mandatory incident and near incident reporting
- Weekly safety meeting call with Regional Technical Managers
- Annual staff training
- Safety program oversight by OTE's Director of Safety & Technical and 4 Regional Technical Managers
- Independent External Safety Committee comprised of industry professionals