

## Annex P. ASRC Belaying Process and Calls Commands

This section is under development

The standard calls used by the litter captain, the belayer and others are shown below:

<u>Call</u>	<u>Who Says It</u>	<u>What It Means</u>
<u>ON BELAY</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Indicate that the team is ready to climb. Note that this is not a question.</u>
<u>BELAY ON</u>	<u>Belayer</u>	<u>When the belay is set and the belayer is ready to belay. This also is not a question.</u>
<u>OFF BELAY</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>The belay is no longer required. The belayer should never drop the belay until this call is given!</u>
<u>BELAY OFF</u>	<u>Belayer</u>	<u>Acknowledgement of litter captain's "off belay" call.</u>
<u>CLIMBING</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Indicate that he is about to begin moving. It can also be used after a momentary stop.</u>
<u>CLIMB AWAY</u>	<u>Belayer</u>	<u>Acknowledgement of climbing.</u>
<u>UP ROPE</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Indicates that there is too much slack in the belay rope.</u>
<u>SLACK</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Request slack in the belay rope.</u>
<u>PRELOAD</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Just before going over a steep pitch. The belayer holds tightly and the litter team loads the rope to take out all of the stretch.</u>
<u>DOWN SLOW</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Request for a slow descent.</u>
<u>DOWN FAST</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Request for a fast descent. Slow and fast are relative terms and will depend on the terrain.</u>
<u>STOP</u>	<u>Anyone</u>	<u>To request a stop for any reason.</u>
<u>HALFWAY</u>	<u>Litter Captain</u>	<u>Half the rope has been used.</u>
<u>TWO-OH</u>	<u>Belayer</u>	<u>Indicates that about 20 feet of rope remains and that the team must find a good place to stop.</u>
<u>BELOW! or ROCK!</u>	<u>Anyone</u>	<u>Indicates that something is falling. Take cover! Shield the patient! Below is a European call but is also used in the United States.</u>
<u>FALLING!</u>	<u>Anyone</u>	<u>Self-explanatory. A loud scream may follow if the person falling deems it appropriate.</u>

The medic and the team leader should not be bearers, since they need to be free to check the patient and/or coordinate activities.