

SAFETY NOTICE N0 24 - 02

To: All skydivers
Subject: Camera wing Jackets.
Compliance: Recommended
Date of Issue: 15 November 2024
Compliance due: Recommended before next jump

This Safety Notice is issued following occurrence reports sent to the NZPIA.

Background:

The NZPIA recently received two occurrence reports of camera flyers experiencing both a main and reserve deployment at the same time. Analysis of photo and video evidence suggested that when one of the flyers was in a head up orientation, the wearer's left wing hooked over their reserve handle. As they rolled over to a "belly to earth" orientation for deployment, the wing pressurized in the opposite direction and pulled the reserve handle at the same time as they deployed the main pilot chute. This happened when they returned to a neutral body position, post pilot chute through.

The two reported occurrences involved two different jumpers, two different container manufacturers and two different camera wing manufacturers. The only common factor is that both jumpers attached the bottom of their wings inboard of their main lift web on or below the leg strap friction buckle. Both jumpers transitioned from a head up orientation to a belly to earth orientation just prior to deployment.

The NZPIA strongly recommends that all camera flyers, or jumpers using camera wings assess the likelihood of a part of a wing being able to cover their emergency handles. The NZPIA further recommends that all wing attachment points be placed outboard of the leg strap friction buckles.

If you are unsure of the safety of your camera wing, speak to your local Parachute Technician or DZSO for clarification or get in touch with me directly.



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