

Certification Requirements Committee
Defined Terms Ballot (Ballot 2) – Negative Vote Findings
Internal Committee Ballot - 090518

1. 2.20 Fall restraint system "fall" restraint is an incorrect term. A more appropriate term is "travel" restraint. This system restrains the user from entering the fall hazard zone. Therefore the travel is being restrained, not the fall.

You could also choose to not use the adjective and simply use the term "restraint". Suggested definition: "system of attachment to an anchorage that limits travel in such a way that the user is not exposed to a fall hazard".

or "system of attachment to an anchorage which keeps the user from entering an area where a fall hazard exists" . or "system of attachment to an anchorage designed to prevent the user from reaching the fall hazard"

Committee Finding - Persuasive. The Committee will submit a Minor Editorial change to update "Fall" Restraint to "Travel" Restraint. Definition will remain as it is.

2. Too many inconsistencies and improper choice of words 2.2 says "....such as 'on rope' which is inconsistent with 2.23 that says 'rope access technicians on rope'. It should at least say 'while on rope'. This is inconsistent even though 1.2.1 says "provides consistent set of terminology

Committee Finding - Persuasive. The Committee will submit a Minor Editorial change to add "rope access technicians on rope" to 2.2.

2.3 Fall line as defined by multiple dictionary sources references waterfalls and skiing NOT ropes hanging PLUMB

Committee Finding – Non-persuasive. "Fall Line" is defined as a term, therefore the term and its use is relevant to it's application.

2.15 says....."non-critical" safety issue.....creates a risk of minor injury'. ANY injury should be considered a critical safety issue. I would challenge SPRAT to find any corporate safety official who would be willing to accept a minor injury as "non-critical" and allow rope access work to proceed under that premise

Committee Finding – Non-persuasive. As defined, it is related to a SPRAT Evaluation.

2.33 says....attached to "a rope" where as 2.42 clearly states a two rope system. This is inconsistent even though 1.2.1 says "provides consistent set of terminology

Committee Finding – Non-persuasive. "On Rope" and "Rope Access" are defined separately. Being on rope does not automatically imply someone is using a two-rope system.