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N/Réf : FFVL Global Safety System – attachment defaults working group  
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Subject: Working collaboration with National Air Sport Controls responsible for paragliding safety –  
Safety issue with incorrect harness attachment in paragliding tandem.

Dear colleague,

The French free flight federation is currently carrying out an investigation on incorrect harness fastening or attachment defaults in paragliding tandem activity. A number of recent accidents/incidents have required us to tackle this issue head on. The purpose is to take short- and medium-term action to reduce frequency and gravity of this type of accident.

A safety study is on the way on this issue. It includes in particular:

- Fatal accident investigations performed by the FFVL
- feedback reported to the FFVL
- A study of existing systems and best practices used
- An inventory of training standards relating to harness fastening defaults.

We would like to collaborate with you in order to expand this inventory and share the implemented solutions. To this end, we propose two short-term actions that could be the basis of our discussions:

- A survey to professionals and recreational tandem pilots in your country's main flying areas. The goal is to find out more about the causes of these incidents/accidents. An online survey is available. It's was already broadcasted in France and we get over 600 replies yet. The EN version is available here and could be broadcasted by your Association, if you wish so

<https://framaforms.org/survey-on-tandem-paragliding-clip-in-failures-1738942952>

- An exchange of information on the policies already in place in each country to reduce the accident rate following on an incorrect harness fastening or attachment defaults in paragliding tandem. This may involve different approach: training standard / local or national regulations / pilot information / equipment, etc.

A comparative analysis of these measures could provide concrete solutions in the short term, and would benefit to all pilots. We are committed to providing you with the results of our work and in particular the results of the pilot survey on the subject. **See attached document** We hope that this work will match your safety concerns of free-flight pilots.

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