Helicopter Rescue Equipment

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1. ICAR recommends that helicopters used for air rescue operations should be equipped with the following:

A: Rescue winch (usually 50 or 90 meters of rope, suitable for single or double winch and/or

B: Double load hook for Human external Cargo (HEC).

This also depends on which procedure (winch or rescue rope procedure) is generally used by the respective organization and what the internal regulations are (Flight Operation Manual)

2. The crew discusses together which rescue equipment appears to be most suitable for use and makes a decision that is acceptable to all crew members. The pilot remains legally responsible for all measures taken during the flight.