



Helideck Crash Rescue Equipment - CAA Recommendations

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In some circumstances, lives maybe lost if simple ancillary rescue equipment is not readily available.

The CAA strongly recommends the provision of at least the following equipment. Sizes of the equipment are not detailed but should be appropriate for the types of helicopter expected to use the facility.

Helicopter RFF Category		
	H1/H2	H3
Adjustable wrench	1	1
Rescue axe, large (non wedge or aircraft type)	1	1
Cutters, bolt	1	1
Crowbar, large	1	1
Hook, grab or salving	1	1
Hacksaw heavy duty and six spare blades	1	1
Blanket, fire resistant	1	1
Ladder (two-piece)*	1	1
Life line (15m in length) + rescue harness	1	1
Pliers, side cutting (tin snips)	1	1
Set of assorted screwdrivers	1	1
Harness knife and sheath**	**	**
Gloves, fire resistant**	**	**
Self-contained breathing apparatus (complete)***	2	2
Power cutting tool	-	1

* For access to casualties in an aircraft on its side.

** This equipment is required for each Helideck crew member.

*** Refer to Home Office Technical Bulletin 1/1997.

A responsible person should be appointed to ensure that the rescue equipment is checked and maintained regularly. Rescue equipment should be stored in clearly marked and secure watertight cabinets or chests. An inventory checklist of equipment should be held inside each equipment cabinet/chest.