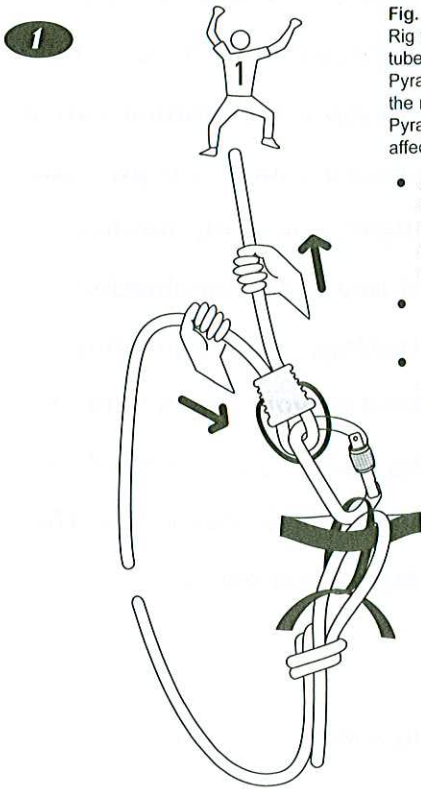


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## Belaying the Leader



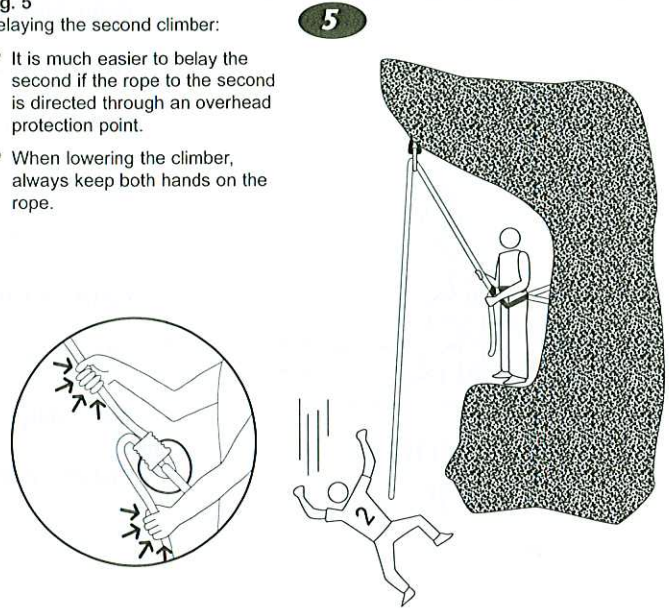
**Fig. 1**  
Rig the Pyramid™ as you would any tube-style device. Orient the Pyramid™ for the best rope feed for the rope you are using. The Pyramid's braking power is not affected by its orientation

- Attach the Pyramid™ only to the belay point of your harness using a locking carabiner, as described by your harness manufacturer's instructions.
- Feed rope or take it in as required by the climber.
- Be sure to keep your brake hand on the rope.

## Belaying the Second

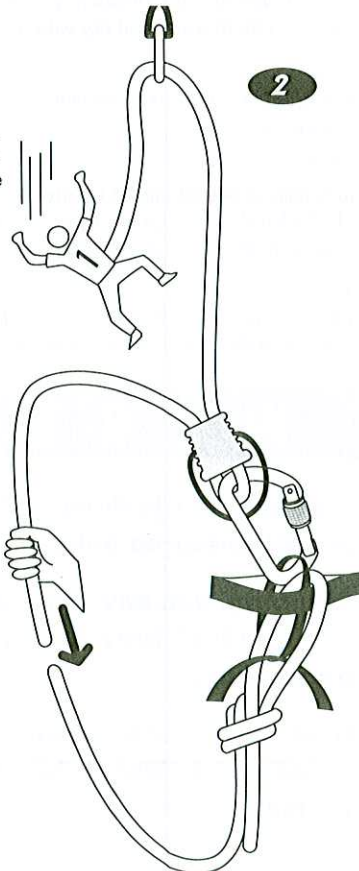
**Fig. 5**  
Belaying the second climber:

- It is much easier to belay the second if the rope to the second is directed through an overhead protection point.
- When lowering the climber, always keep both hands on the rope.



**Fig. 2**  
To catch a fall, move your brake hand back to lock off the ropes.

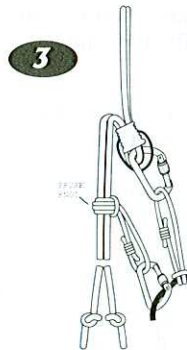
- The fall will be stopped quickly but dynamically. In a hard or long fall the Pyramid™ will provide a dynamic catch and some rope may run through the device before the falling climber is stopped.
- Wear leather gloves to prevent rope burn.
- Practice catching falls with a secure back up before attempting these skills in the field.



## Rappelling

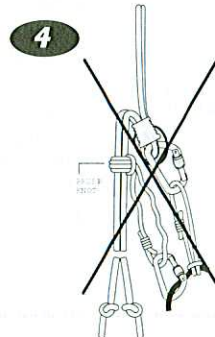
**Fig. 3**  
The Pyramid™ can be used as a smooth running rappel device.

- Orient the Pyramid™ for the smoothest running rappel depending on what rope combination you are using. The Pyramid's braking power is not affected by its orientation.
- Use a prusik knot to back up and control the descent.
- Tie a back up knot in the bottom of the rope to prevent rappelling off the end.



**Fig. 4**  
Be sure to prevent the prusik knot from coming in contact with the Pyramid™, or it will jam.

- Extend the Pyramid™ from your harness using a runner.
- OR-
- Attach the prusik to the leg loop of your harness.





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## “Feel The Power”

**When a belay/rappel device has been around as long as the *Pyramid™*, you know it must be one of the best all-around devices on the planet. The result of intensive R&D work, this was the first belay device to incorporate a tube format with a tapered, rounded rectangle shape. Every similar design since has been a copy. The *Pyramid™* is light, compact, durable and can smoothly handle just about any rope combination. The cooling fins keep it from overheating, and the pivoting center pin lets you customize the feed of your ropes without effecting stopping power. Rappelling is always controlled and smooth, and the flat rope path virtually eliminates kinks. The burly retaining cable will last as long as you own it.**

Please read this carefully before use. It contains all the necessary information you need to correctly use the *Pyramid™* belay/rappel device for mountaineering and climbing. Incorrect use or improper maintenance can lead to serious accidents or death! It is therefore necessary to receive adequate training (knowledge of techniques and of security measures) before using this device. Practice these techniques in a safe and risk free location before using your *Pyramid™* in the field. These are not belaying or rappelling instructions. Thorough knowledge of these techniques is required before using the *Pyramid™*.

#### USE ONLY THE TECHNIQUES ILLUSTRATED

Any other uses are potentially dangerous. The user is responsible for the risks to which he exposes himself. If you cannot accept this responsibility, do not use the *Pyramid™*. The manufacturer and resellers of the *Pyramid™* decline any and all responsibility for any damage or other type of negative consequence that may occur due to the use of this article.

#### METHODS OF USE (SEE ILLUSTRATIONS ON BACK)

Be careful; the amount of braking power which the *Pyramid™* can develop is directly related to the diameter and the type of rope (UIAA and ½ UIAA in conformity with UNI EN 892) used. If you use new, thin or very smooth-running ropes, practice the techniques described here in a safe and risk free location before using the *Pyramid™* in the field. When descending, always use a backup knot (prusik) especially if there are objective dangers present. Make sure the prusik knot does not jam up against the *Pyramid™* (fig.4), or it may not lock up when needed. ATTENTION: never let go of the rope with your brake hand. You and your partner's safety depends on you. It is important to always tie a blocking knot in the free end of the rope to eliminate the risk of rappelling off the end of the rope. Rappel smoothly and in control so as to avoid excessive heat which will cause rapid wear of the *Pyramid™* itself and could damage your rope.

#### IMPORTANT

Always use locking carabiners (locked) to attach the *Pyramid™* to your harness. Only use equipment suitable for mountaineering and rescue which is compatible with the applicable European (CE) directives. The cable attached

to the *Pyramid™* is for carrying convenience only. Do not use it in any load-bearing capacity.

#### MAINTENANCE

Replace the *Pyramid™* if it shows any sign of corrosion. Clean the *Pyramid™* with fresh water and dry with a non abrasive cloth.

#### STORAGE

Store the *Pyramid™* in a cool, dry place, and keep away from heat sources and corrosive substances.

#### LONGEVITY

It is impossible to predict the life of any piece of climbing or rescue equipment. Useful life depends on many factors. Inspect your *Pyramid™* for any signs of wear before each use and replace it if necessary.

#### CONTACT

If you have any questions or require any additional information please contact Trango: 800.860.3653 -or- [www.trango.com](http://www.trango.com)

## WARNING

- **This product is designed for climbing and mountaineering only.**
- **Climbing, and any other activity for which this product may be used, is inherently dangerous.**
- **It is the user's responsibility to understand and follow all instructions for proper use.**