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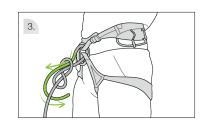
This first booklet is dedicated to indoor climbing, for learning and/or reviewing the basics of top-rope or lead climbing.

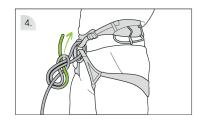
Put on your shoes, and good climbing!

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# Tying in with a figure 8 knot





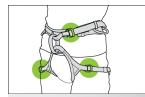






#### PREPARATION

### Partner check



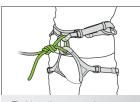
- Harness waistbelt above the hips - Harness adjusted to fit snugly





- Rope installed in the proper direction (belay device function check)

- Carabiner connected to the correct place on the harness - Carabiner is locked



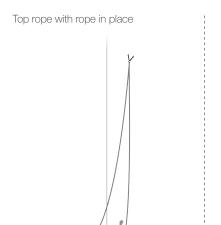
- Tied-in to the correct place on the harness
- The correct knot
- Knot finished and tightened

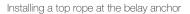


- Knot tied in the end of the rope

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# Belaying a climber on top rope



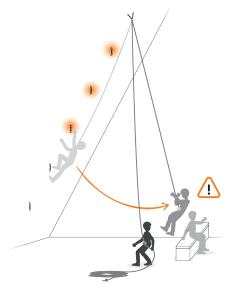


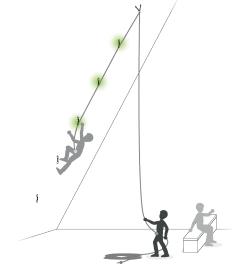






Overhangs: climb on the rope clipped to the quickdraws

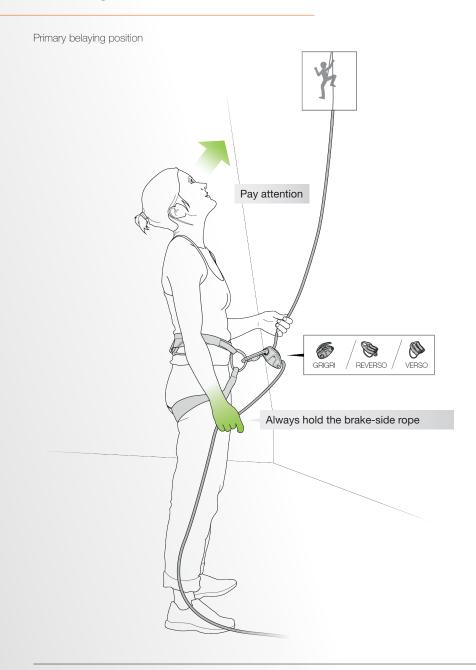




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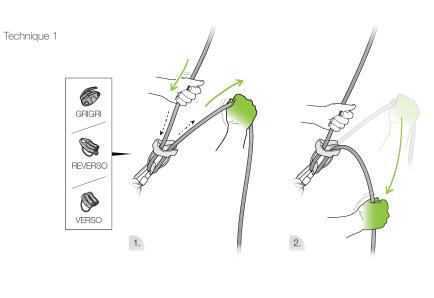
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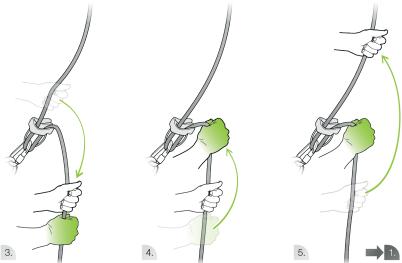
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# Belaying a climber on top rope

Technique: taking up slack



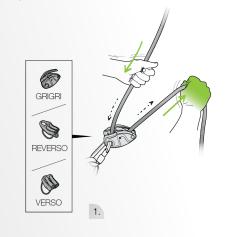


Alternative technique available at Petzl.com.

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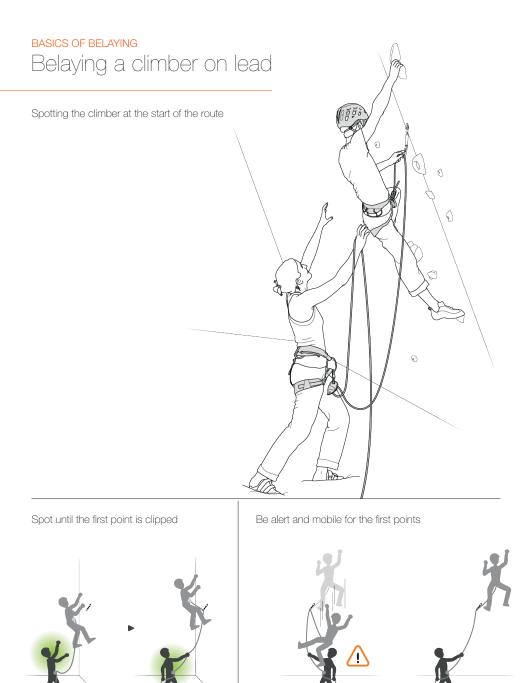


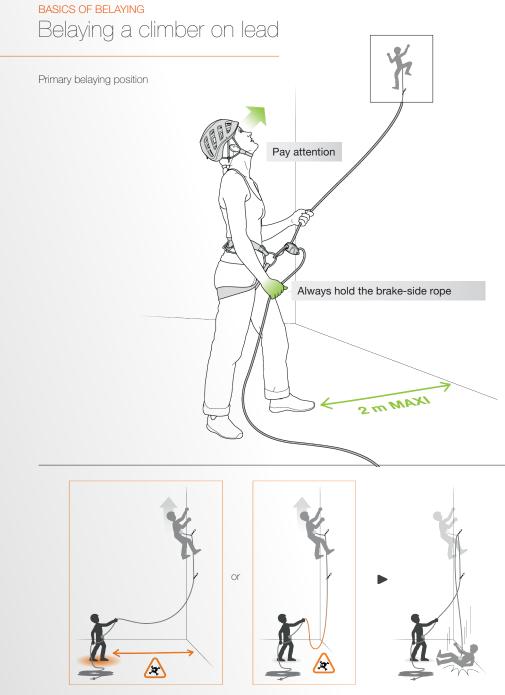






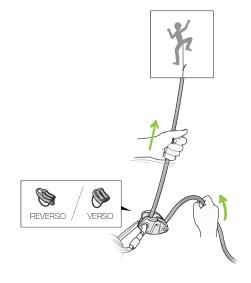




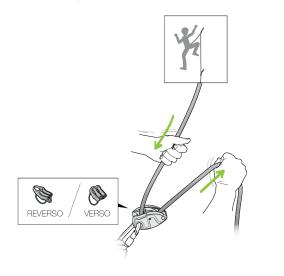


### Belaying a climber on lead

Technique: giving slack



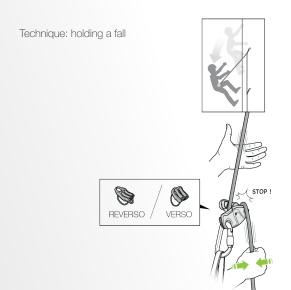
Technique: taking up slack





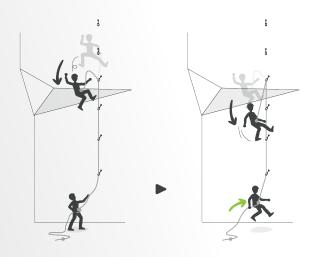
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# Belaying a climber on lead



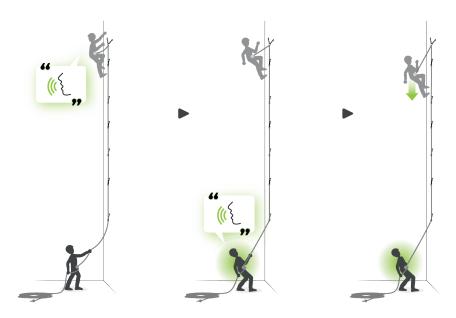


For a dynamic belay, do a small jump or take a step forward to reduce the impact force on the climber.



### Lowering

#### Communication before lowering

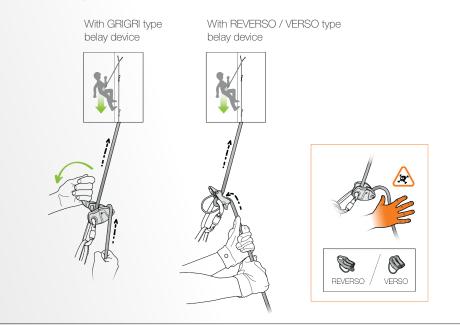


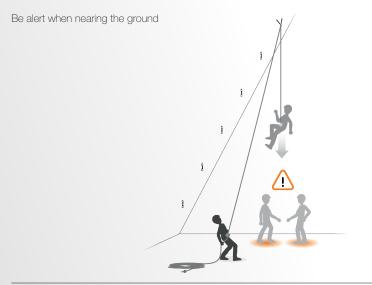


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# Lowering

#### Technique: lowering



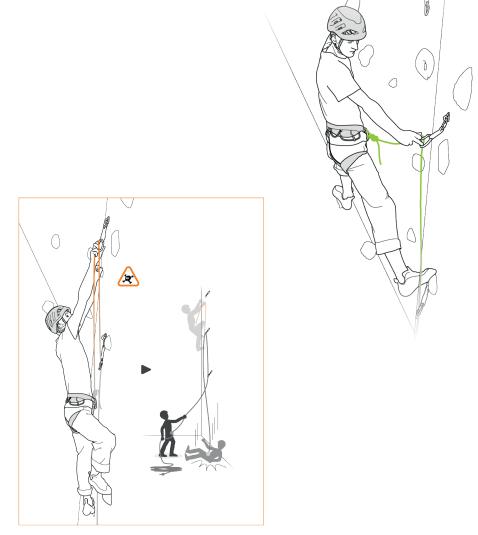




### LEAD CLIMBING

# Clipping

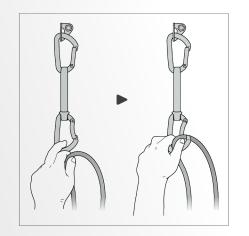
Clipping at waist level

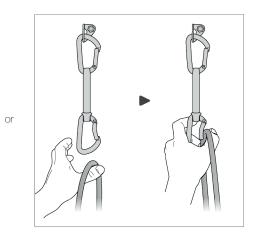




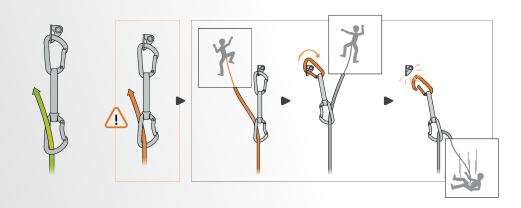
LEAD CLIMBING Clipping

The most common clipping techniques (other techniques exist)





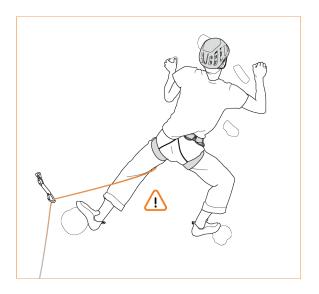
Rope properly clipped to the quickdraw

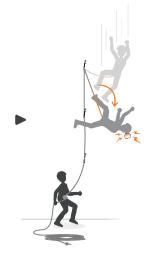


#### LEAD CLIMBING

### Errors to avoid

#### Rope behind leg

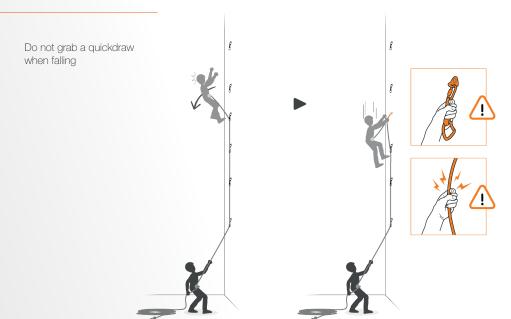






#### LEAD CLIMBING

### Errors to avoid



Do not skip a quickdraw



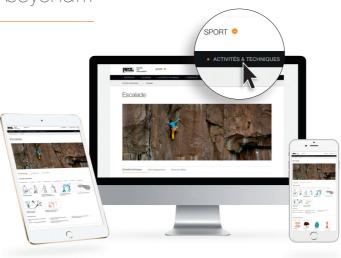


Do not Z-clip: take the rope on the correct side of the quickdraw



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