

CANADA

ROPE AROUND LEG—STUMBLE

British Columbia, Mount Robson National Park, Mount Robson

During the mid-day of July 12th, a team of three were climbing near the top of the Kain Face on Mount Robson. The climbing rope somehow wrapped itself around A.H.'s leg. He stumbled and consequently pulled his groin. The team lowered themselves down the face. The injured climber stayed at the Dome while his two partners descended to Berg Lake where the Robson Ranger Service was notified. The Jasper Warden Service was dispatched early the next morning with a helicopter to pick up the injured person.

Analysis

This incident had potential for much more serious injuries. It stresses the importance of vigilant rope management. Having a rope wrapped around one's leg [while climbing] at any time is not advised. (Source: G. Lemke, Public Safety Warden).

(Editor's Note: This is the only report we have from Canada for this year. The Alpine Club of Canada is recruiting a new editor.)