

SIGNALS FOR BELAYING CLIMBERS

CLIMBER	BELAYER	MEANING
“ON BELAY?”		IS THE BELAY READY?
“THAT’S ME.”		ROPE SLACK TAKEN UP BETWEEN BELAYER AND CLIMBER
	“BELAY ON.”	YOU ARE ON BELAY.
“CLIMBING?”		I AM READY TO CLIMB.
	“CLIMB ON.”	GO AHEAD AND CLIMB.
“SLACK.”		I NEED SOME SLACK IN THE ROPE.
“UP ROPE.”		TAKE IN LOOSE ROPE.
“FALLING!”		I AM FALLING – BREAK THE ROPE.
“TENSION.”		HOLD THE ROPE TIGHTLY IN CASE I FALL.
	“GOT YOU.”	THERE’S TENSION ON THE ROPE.
“READY TO LOWER.”		I AM READY TO BE LOWERED DOWN
	“LOAD THE ROPE”	PUT FULL WEIGHT ON THE ROPE AND LEAN BACK
	“LOWERING.”	I AM LETTING YOU DOWN NOW.
“ROCK!”	“ROCK!”	DO NOT LOOK UP, FALLING OBJECT!!
“OFF BELAY.”		I AM IN A SAFE PLACE AND NO LONGER NEED A BELAY.
	“BELAY OFF.”	I AM NO LONGER BELAYING YOU.

SIGNALS FOR BELAYING RAPPELLERS

RAPPELLER	BELAYER	MEANING
“ON BELAY?”		IS THE BELAY READY?
	“BELAY ON.”	I’M READY TO BELAY.
“RAPPELLING.”		I’M READY TO RAPPELL.
	“RAPPEL ON.”	GO AHEAD.
“FALLING!”		I’M FALLING! – BREAK THE ROPE!
“OFF BELAY.”		I’M DONE RAPPELLING AND IN A SAFE PLACE.
	“BELAY OFF.”	I AM NO LONGER BELAYING YOU.
“OFF RAPPELL.” OR “OFF ROPE.”		THE ROPE IS FREE OF HARDWARE AND IS READY FOR THE NEXT RAPPELLER. [THE BELAY LINE IS NOW READY TO BE TAKEN UP FOR THE NEXT RAPPELLER.]

SIGNALS FOR SPOTTING BOULDERERS

BOULDERER	SPOTTER	MEANING
“SPOTTERS READY?”		ARE YOU READY TO SPOT ME?
	“READY.”	WE ARE READY TO PROTECT YOU.
“CLIMBING.”		I’M READY TO CLIMB.
	“CLIMB ON.”	GO AHEAD AND CLIMB.
“FALLING!”		I’M FALLING! – CATCH ME!