

“Getting Lucky - whilst caving”

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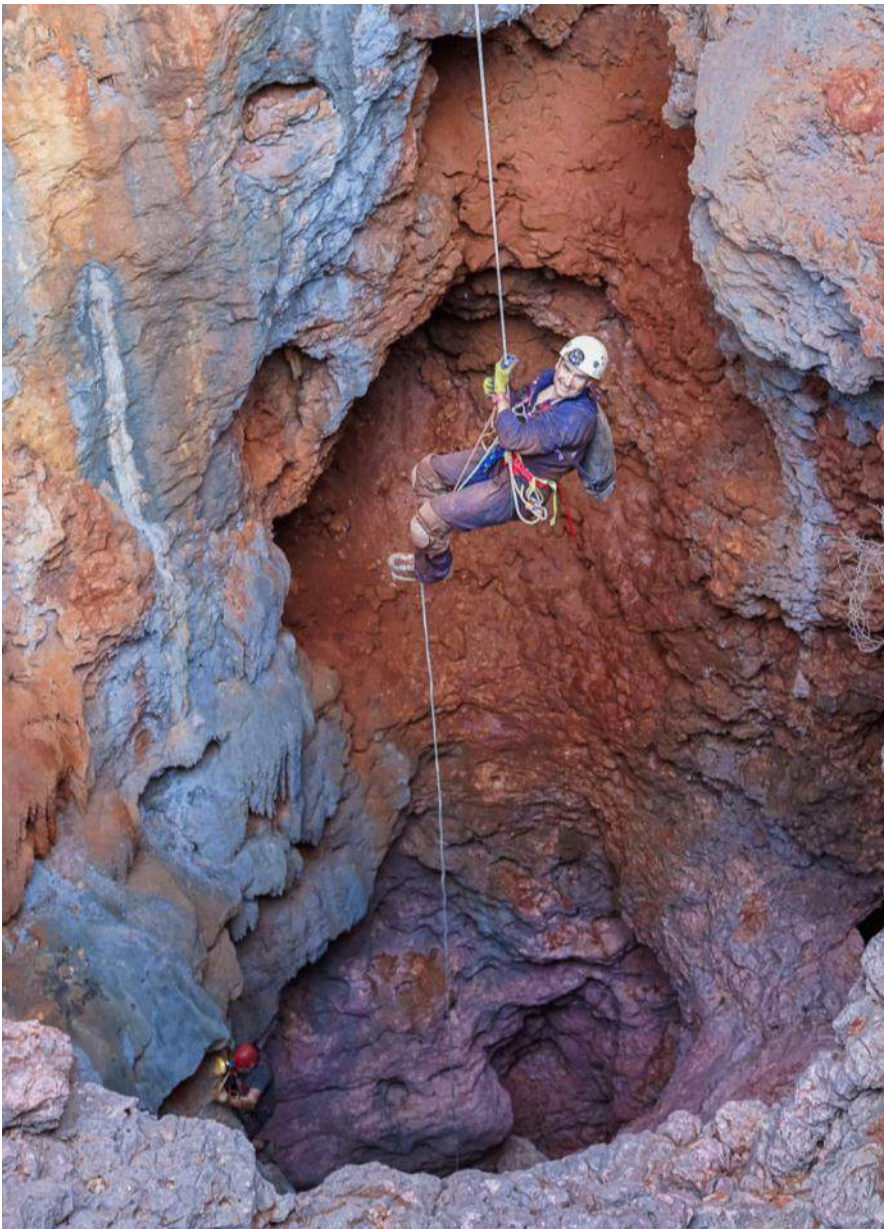
Fortune also favours the brave.

Many of us know that we've been lucky while caving, or in our other activities. We also know that we've been prepared, and been brave.

This discussion aims to prepare a simple graphic organiser for cavers to increase the number of 'lucky' cavers, especially for those with more youthful 'bravery' and less experience to draw 'preparedness' from.

While accidents are extremely (and fortunately) rare in caving, they need to be - rescue, and even self-rescue are extremely difficult, even in simple, trade-route caves; it is in all of our interests to make sure that accidents get even more rare...

The slides for this presentation are provided in Appendix C.



Appendix C - “Getting Lucky - whilst caving”



I'm safe. I'm lucky

I'm confident.

I'm prepared.

My team is prepared I have plan B, C ...

We're maintaining good decisions -

food, rest, water, warmth.

I'm watching.

I'm listening.

I'm thinking.

Risks today?

Temperature?

Flood? Delay?

Rockfall? Anchors?

Time constraints?

I'm listening.

I communicate.

Where/when do we re-group?

What happens when

one does not show?

Who is doing what?

My gear is good.

I know it's working.

I know its limits.

It's suitable for today.

I'm familiar with the techniques and limitations of its use.

We all know the

plan... and

its

changes.

My body is good

for the job today.

The safety margin is OK.

I'm in shape, enough.

I'm listening to it.

Who is responsible

... for MY safety?

... for my team's safety?

We're all alert and responsible for each other.

