

ABSTRACT**A Safety Apparatus**

A safety apparatus adapted to retard the rate of descent of a load from an elevated point. The safety apparatus having a first attachment means capable of being secured to the elevated point, a second attachment means capable of being secured to the load, a reel mechanism capable of dispensing a tether wound thereon and, a retardation means capable of retarding the rate at which the tether is dispensed from the reel mechanism.

Figure 1