



Improved Water Safety for Glasgow Humane Society

Problem Identified

Founded in 1790, Glasgow Humane Society's main aims are to make sure adequate safety facilities are in place along the banks of the city's waterways, to remove potential hazards and to educate the public in how to behave safely on and around the waterways. With a large number of water vehicles travelling along the river each day, and up to 500 persons walking, cycling, running or fishing on the riverbank or towpath, there are a lot of safety issues to consider.

Glasgow Humane Society together with Glasgow City Council wanted to ensure that those who work along the water's edge had sufficient safety equipment to deal with a water rescue situation should one occur.

The Solution

The Society were familiar with the Glasdon range of water safety equipment, and after visiting a ROSPA Exhibition they tested a variety of water safety equipment and found that Glasdon B-Line™ was the best choice for use by untrained personnel. They now make a recommendation to all Local Authorities within their area, that Glasdon B-Line should be carried in all DLO workers' vans in case of an emergency in the water.

B-Line water rescue device is lightweight and streamlined so that it can be thrown further and more accurately to the victim, increasing the chances of a successful rescue. B-Line provides the victim with buoyancy, helping to reduce panic and allowing regular breathing to recommence. Accident victims can then be pulled safely ashore.

Resulting Benefits

Compact and portable, B-Line rescue device is the ideal water rescue aid for carrying by Local Authority DLO workers in their vehicles, when working by the water. B-Line is quick and simple to use allowing DLO workers the confidence to know that they are able to protect themselves and others should a rescue situation occur. B-Line has all these benefits:

- ✓ Easily thrown with accuracy
- ✓ Easy to follow instructions printed on B-Line sleeve
- ✓ Buoyant and strong
- ✓ Soft nose reduces risk of injury to victim
- ✓ Easy to re-throw
- ✓ Re-usable

What the Customer Says...

“Having run several courses on rope throwing in conjunction with various groups, the participants themselves decided the B-Line was the best of the throw lines available. Glasgow Humane Society working in partnership with Glasgow City Council Water Safety Working Group placed an order for 50 B-Lines which will now be issued to council vehicles working within the vicinity of waterway areas.”

George Parsonage, Lifeboat Officer at Glasgow Humane Society.
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