



FAQ'S (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

- Q** I don't have any rappelling or climbing experience. Can I still participate?
- A** Absolutely! Over The Edge For Brain Injury is open to anyone 16 years and older (if under 18, parental consent is required and parents must be present on the day of the rappel).
- Q** Are there weight restrictions?
- A** Yes. Participants must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. and must not exceed 300 lbs.
- Q** Will I receive training before going Over The Edge?
- A** Yes. After checking in and being fitted for your rappelling gear, all rappellers will participate in mandatory training. This will give you the opportunity to practice using your equipment and get a feel for the harness as you are hanging from the training tripod. The same safety procedures are used in the training as in the rappel Over The Edge.
- Q** How safe is this event?
- A** As with everything, there are risks. It is important that during the training session you listen to your rappelling instructors and follow their directions. Over The Edge staff members are highly trained industrial rope experts who supervise all aspects of the rappel. Local fire departments, SWAT teams, police, and experienced climbers/rappellers are used to assist with non-technical portions of your experience.
- Q** Can I rappel if I have a physical disability?
- A** Absolutely! This event caters to able and disabled individuals alike. Extra time and attention is focused on those with special needs. If required, a trained expert will rappel with you to provide assistance.
- Q** What if I let go of the rope?
- A** If you let go of the rope, one of two safety systems will engage. Depending on where you let go of the rope, you can expect to rappel 4-5 feet before the safety system engages.
- Q** How do I get started?
- A** Simply click on the "Register" button on the event page. The site will guide you through the registration process. You may choose to rappel as an individual or as part of a team. All individuals must raise a minimum of \$1,500 to secure a rappelling spot on the day of the event.
- Q** What happens if I fail to raise the required \$1,500?
- A** If the designated rappel slots have not been filled by the day of the event, you will have the opportunity to sign a credit card guarantee form that authorizes BIACAL to charge the remaining amount 30 days after the event (on April 18, 2016). This allows you an additional 30 days to raise funds before your credit card will be charged.
- Q** If I fail to raise the funds and am unable to rappel, will my registration fee and donations be refunded?
- A** No. Registration fees and donations are considered to be good faith donations to the Brain Injury Association of California and are non-refundable.
- Q** If I receive donations by check, where do I mail them?
- A** Please mail all donations by check to:
Paula Daoutis
Brain Injury Association of California
3501 Mall View Rd., Suite 115-Box 397
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Please be sure to include a note to advise BIACAL staff who to apply the funds to.
- Q** What if I am too "Chicken" to go Over The Edge but want to help raise funds to support a team, or the Brain Injury Association of California? Can I still participate in the fundraising effort?
- A** Yes to both questions. You may click on the "Register" button on the registration site and complete the registration form but click on the option "I'm too chicken to go Over The Edge." You will be able to create a fundraising page and if you achieve a minimum of \$250 from your efforts, you will receive a special event t-shirt.