

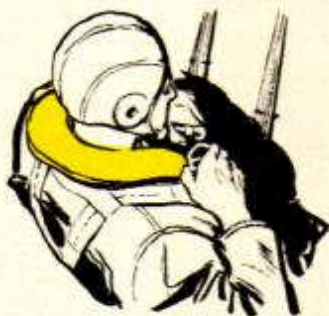
Water landings are safe if you know what to do. The ability to swim is an advantage but not a prerequisite if you are properly equipped and trained. Follow the procedure outlined here for all types of parachutes except the QAC AN6513-1A (which has no risers on pack or harness) and the single point quick release, instructions for which are given separately. Prepare for the water landing as soon as the parachute is open.

1. Throw away what you won't need.
2. Pull yourself well back in the sling by hooking your thumbs in the webbing and forcing the sling downward along your thighs.
3. Undo your chest strap by hooking a thumb beneath one of the vertical lift webs, pushing firmly across your chest to loosen the cross webbing so that you can undo the snap. **This must be done before you inflate the Mae West, as the chest strap cannot be released over an inflated life vest.**
4. When chest strap is undone and you are well back in the sling, unstrap the leg straps by doubling up first one leg and then the other. Then keep your arms folded, or hang onto the risers, so you won't fall out of the harness. If you are unable to unfasten leg straps in the air, remove them in the water by unsnapping them or by working them down over your feet.
5. As soon as you are in the water, inflate your Mae West, one half at a time (either half will support you) and shrug out of the harness. **Remember, never inflate your life vest until you have unfastened your chest strap.**
6. Get clear of the parachute promptly, and stay clear.

Procedure for QAC AN6513-1A (no risers on pack or harness)

Modify the standard procedure as follows:

1. Reach under the pack cover and unfasten the chest strap.



2. Pull yourself well back in the sling and undo the leg straps, if you have time.
3. As soon as you are in the water, release both sides of chest pack from harness and immediately swim **upwind**, away from the canopy and lines.
4. Inflate the Mae West, one half at a time, but never until the chest strap is unfastened.
5. When clear of the canopy and shroud lines, you can slip out of your harness at leisure.

Water



Procedure for Single Point Quick Release Harness

Modify the standard procedure as follows:

1. Before reaching the water, turn the locking cap 90° to set the release mechanism for immediate operation.
 2. As soon as you are in the water, but not before, pull the safety clip, and press hard on the cap to release the lock. The harness will then slide off.
 3. Inflate the Mae West, one half at a time, but never until the harness has been released.
 4. Stay clear of the parachute.
- See Life Vest, PIF 8-10-2 and Life Rafts, PIF 8-11-3.

WARNING: The canopy and shroud lines, **not the harness**, may dangerously tangle you after landing in water. When equipped with any quick attachable chest pack, first unstrap the entire pack from the harness, then get away from the canopy and lines before you stop to take off the harness. **Think it through now and you'll be safe later.**

On over-water flights, **always** carry a sharp, serviceable knife where it is easily accessible. If you experience difficulty releasing yourself from the harness after landing in water, stay calm and cut yourself free.