

Bungee Cords

Misuse of BUNGEE cords can cause severe injury to the user. To avoid injury, read the following guidelines for your safety:

1. Wear protective eyewear when stretching, fastening, or releasing hooks. A rebounding hook is dangerous.
2. Inspect the BUNGEE cord before any use to make sure that not alteration, cuts or abrasion appear.
3. Do not use a BUNGEE cord that appears frayed or worn or if the hook has been bent, gouged, or otherwise tampered with.
4. Do not stretch a BUNGEE beyond 50% of its un-stretched length. Extending the cord beyond 50% of its un-stretched length can cause failure of the cord or hook, or slippage and dangerous rebound. Example: A 24 inch cord should be stretched no more than a total of 36 inches, including hooks.
5. Do not stretch a BUNGEE toward or away from you to avoid being struck by a rebounding hook. Pull to one side. Keep your head and body out of the rebound path.
6. Do not anchor the hook by its tip. Attach the hook loop center securely to a solid, inflexible mounting point.
7. Do not use a BUNGEE on a shifting, swaying, pendulous or top-heavy load. Use a rope instead.
8. Do not use a BUNGEE around sharp or abrasive edges or corners that can eventually cut, break, or damage the cord.
9. Store BUNGEE cords in a safe, dry environment.

Many bungee cord injuries are PLENTY serious, including:

- Bleeding Inside the Eye
- Cuts to the Eye
- Traumatic Cataracts (clouding of the lens of the eye as a result of the blow)
- Retina Tearing or Detachment from the Back of Eye
- Complete Eye Loss or Blindness

If your eye is hurt by a bungee cord, it is very important that you treat it as an emergency and seek treatment immediately. That may mean seeing Patrol or having someone take you right to the hospital emergency room. Treat this seriously. Go straight to the hospital if you're in any doubt about what to do.