



# UNITED ROPE ACCESS LIMITED

United by Rope Access

## Introduction

Rope Access has been used on a large scale in the United Kingdom since the late 80's picking up momentum in the early 90's when it became more popular to solve maintenance issues onshore as well as offshore.

Some of the industry has been governed by IRATA over the last three decades, only IRATA member companies have been controlled to a certain extent with regards to safety. With a large number of non IRATA member companies operating in rope access, some follow the IRATA guidance and others... Let's just say they don't!

We know that there is a real requirement to support the rope access industry mainly the Irata trained technicians, this has been needed certainly over the last two decades.

Our market research has proven this with 88% of the technicians that completed our survey saying they want help and support with Safety, HR Issues and legal help with (in their own words) Companies that have bullied technicians. Promising pay and not paying, stopping wages if the technician leaves employment and many more.

All members will be kept strictly confidential, this will eliminate any discrimination by employers towards the people that need the support the most. Only coming to light that they are a member of United Rope Access Limited when we are acting on their behalf to obtain failed payments or instructing legal action.

## Aims

The 5 main aims of United Rope Access Limited are detailed below, the works carried out by the company will help improve the safety and operations of non Irata member work scopes in the United Kingdom. Everyone involved in the rope access industry in the UK will be happy to support the movement and progression of United Rope access Limited, only those who know they don't operate safely or are unfair with the employees will not be supportive of the services offered.

### **Our aims are...**

- To protect the IRATA trained technicians from, employers who do not operate safely and/or fairly. Providing legal & HR support when required.
- To be the UK's main organisation to support the non IRATA member companies in the industry, to achieve best practice and increase the level of safety.
- To actively support the IRATA trained technicians to improve, safety standards, relations with employers which will improve the quality of work in the industry.
- To educate companies with regards to best practice within the industry, which will promote continued improvement.
- To become the first Trade Union specifically for the IRATA trained rope access technicians. Once we have a substantial subscriber base, they will nominate and vote for the committee. At this point United Rope Access Limited will legally change over to become a trade union.

United Rope Access Limited want to help make the industry stronger and safer in the future, covering areas of the industry that IRATA don't monitor or have any impact on. **Working with technicians for technicians...**

## Why Join?

- 1) A safer industry to work in as technicians will have the power to report companies for unsafe acts anonymously, allowing data to be collected and reported to the required governance.
- 2) Better terms and conditions for all technicians, regardless of employed or subcontractor.
- 3) Legal support for any member technicians that have a case for action against an employer, this could include but not limited to; unfair dismissal, holding back of pay, unfair request on the grounds of health & safety.
- 4) HR advice and support for any member technicians and their families, knowing your rights will help in everyday working life. Advice is from a highly qualified graduate who specialises in employment law.
- 5) Rope Access Companies can contact us for advice on how to improve their business, with consultants available to help. We hope that this will help the companies get to a standard that is morally acceptable, safe and a better place to work for our member technicians.
- 6) Working together will make the industry safer and the standards higher, helping to manage the companies that are not audited by IRATA (Non IRATA member companies).

**Once we have enough subscribers, United Rope Access Limited will continue the process to become a legal trade union for the rope access industry. Only subscribers will be able to nominate the committee, with only subscribers able to vote and elect the committee.**

This will completely transform the industry most of us have battled in and loved for a long time, removing the companies that trade unfairly or unsafely, making the good companies bigger and stronger and eventually putting in place a national minimum pay rate for rope access technicians, rates that will be voted on by the members and committee.

**United by rope access, together we will stand.**

## How to Join

Joining is easy, visit [www.unitedra.org.uk/how-to-join](http://www.unitedra.org.uk/how-to-join)

## Reporting Unsafe Acts

To report any unsafe acts just visit our website [www.unitedra.org.uk/report-page](http://www.unitedra.org.uk/report-page)

## Business Support

We understand that sometimes the companies need a voice to air their side of an incident, we want to be fair and ensure that any 'Black listing' is legitimate and not just between a technicians and a manager not seeing eye to eye. This is an important part of our aim to improve the industry, we want to strengthen good companies and help improve the standards in failing companies.

We are offering a yearly subscription of just **£150 + Vat** to companies wishing to join us, wanting to improve themselves and the industry we all work in. For the subscription fee the company will receive:

Reduced costs for one of our consultants to review their systems and recommend changes

Support with regards to best practice, Safe systems of work and any other issue they may need to address in order to operate safely in the rope access industry.

A voice to put across their side of any incident or experience they have had, which they think technicians and companies will benefit from. To sign up just visit [www.unitedra.org.uk/business-support](http://www.unitedra.org.uk/business-support)

## Rope Access Consultancy

This service is ideal if you have rope access work opportunities but not enough to employ a full time manager and team. Or if you carry out rope access operations with a subcontractor and you want a 3rd party to audit them to ensure work has been carried out in compliance to the relevant laws and regulations. **Over 22 years** of Rope Access Experience!

A pay as you go service for rope access operations or someone to 3rd party audit your rope access subcontractors as part of your companies due diligence.

### Services include:

**Full Rope Access Project Management Services.**

**Preparing of Risk Assessments, Method Statements and Rescue Plans.**

**All required paperwork for safe rope access operations.**

**Equipment Inspection as per LOLER 1998.**

**Site visits to help with pricing of rope access operations.**

**Subcontractor labour selection & recruitment.**

**Job stop audits for company due diligence.**

**Specialist in asset/structural inspections with STE2,STE4, CAD and Engineer and confined space entry & rescue.**





**UNITED ROPE ACCESS LIMITED**

Studio 6  
First Floor  
32-38 Scrutton Street  
London  
EC2A 4RQ

**t** 02031050047  
**e** [info@unitedra.org.uk](mailto:info@unitedra.org.uk)  
**www.unitedra.org.uk**

