



# Askari Aviation (Pvt) Ltd.

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## BRIEFING MOUNTAINEERS / CLIMBERS / TREKKERS

1. **Askari Aviation coordinates / hires rescue services from Pakistan Army, as and when required, for those clients only, who are registered with Askari Aviation prior to departure for Climbing / Trekking journey. Registration with Askari Aviation can be done directly, through Pakistan Association (PATO) of Tour Operators or any registered Local Tour Operators.**
2. Rescue is carried out by highly trained helicopter pilots of Pakistan Army and there is a long list of successful and daring rescue missions in the past, which resulted in life saving of many Mountaineers / Climbers / Trekkers.
3. Availability of rescue helicopters is invariably guaranteed, however, you must have alternate plan for your rescue, if the helicopters are not made available by the Army for any **unavoidable reasons**.
4. There are two types of helicopters currently available for Rescue. They are: -

a.	<b>Ecureuil</b>	-	US \$ 3,023 per hr	}	<b>Rates may be revised by GHQ, Army Aviation any time without any prior notice</b>
b.	<b>Mi – 17</b>	-	US \$ 10,680 per hr		
5. Due to safety reasons single engine helicopters fly in pairs over glaciated / snow bound areas. Be mindful that you will be billed for 2 helicopters.
6. Rescue can be provided between sunrises to 30 minutes before sunset subject to weather. Night flying is prohibited.
7. **Your 12,000 dollars is a refundable security.** If you don't avail the services you will be returned the security less 300 dollars service charge. Please don't lose your receipt.
6. In case of an emergency you will be required to contact us with the fastest means of communication so that rescue can be arranged with minimum loss of time. Please receive the helicopter as per procedure in the pamphlet, filling out form on page – 17 and handing it over to the helicopter captain.
7. US \$ 12,000 dollars is a deposit and not the bill for helicopter used. Your bill could be much higher. The deposit will be released when helicopter bill is settled.
8. Remember that helicopters can't land all over these mountains. Our maximum landing height is 5000M provided a landing place exists. We request you to kindly move down your casualties to this altitude. On Baltoro we recommend that you move them to either Concordia or IHEC, as the case may be, for quicker evacuation.
9. Please note that each small helicopter can lift only 1 casualty at a time while the bigger helicopter can lift up to 4, without baggage.
10. The guarantee is valid for only one rescue mission, up to Skardu or Gilgit whichever is nearer.
11. You must carry a valid helicopter rescue insurance cover. Please do not accept invoices from any other source.

**Signature of the Group Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_