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041. Ski lift fatality

Following an incident in February 2011, a ski lift operator has now been found guilty of the indirect manslaughter of a 14- year-old English boy who died in the Alps. The boy was strangled when the straps of his backpack became entangled as he tried to get off a six-seat ski lift at a resort near Geneva. Reports state that he was suspended in the air for approximately four minutes before being released, according to eyewitness accounts of the accident.

It would appear the accident is a combination of things, including the operator not acting quickly enough in response to the incident. This highlights the importance of the operator's job.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-34841450>