



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Ski Lifts & Tows Safety

1. SPS 333 is titled Passenger Ropeways. What is a passenger ropeway?

A passenger ropeway is any device that carries, pulls, or pushes people up a ski area hill. Passengers typically are on skis, snowboards, or tubes. Examples of passenger ropeways found in Wisconsin include aerial ski lifts, surface lifts (T-bar lifts, J-bar lifts, platter lifts), tows (fiber rope tows and wire rope tows), and conveyors.

2. Which codes apply to the passenger ropeways at my ski area?

[SPS 333](#)  
[ANSI B77.1-2011, adopted 11/01/2012, effective 11/01/2013](#)

3. Where can I find SPS 333?

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4. Are there new sign requirements associated with the newer ANSI B-77 standard?

Yes, although much of the wording on required signs remains the same, signs now also include international symbols. Listings of required signs and sample signs can be found in Annex D of the ANSI B-77 standard.

5. Do I need to notify the Department if I intend to use a Third Party Inspector this season?

Yes, by October 1 of each year in writing. [SPS 333.12 \(2\)\(b\)](#)

6. Our Ski Area uses a Third Party Inspector for periodic inspections. When am I required to use a State Inspector?

State Inspectors must witness the Acceptance Tests and any Load Tests on a passenger ropeway that is new, altered, relocated, or been out of service for more than 2 years.

\*Note that Department plan review must also to be done for all new, altered, and relocated passenger ropeways.

7. Where may I locate additional information on the passenger ropeway inspection process?

[333 Powerpoint](#)

8. Is reporting accidents to the Department required?

Yes, injuries resulting from a passenger ropeway malfunction requiring more than first aid treatment must be reported within 2 days. Fatalities resulting from passenger ropeway malfunction must be reported to the Department within 24 hours.

9. How do I report accidents?

[Accident Reporting Form SBD-211](#)

To report injuries or fatalities call 608-266-1816 or 608-261-2503 during normal business hours or 1-800-943-0003 after business hours.

10. How may I obtain additional information regarding safety or code concerns at my ski area?

You may contact the inspector in your geographic area on the linked map.

[Inspector Map](#)