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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 1498:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 160 "Protection against falls from a height including working belts", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2007, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2007.

Annex A provides details of significant technical changes between this European Standard and the previous edition: EN 1498:1996.

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## EN 1498:2006 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements, test methods, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer for rescue loops. Rescue loops conforming to this European Standard are used as components of rescue systems.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 362, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Connectors*

EN 363:2002, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Fall arrest systems*

EN 364:1992, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Test methods*

EN 365, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — General requirements for instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination, repair, marking and packaging*

EN 892, *Mountaineering equipment — Dynamic mountaineering ropes — Safety requirements and test methods*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 363.2002 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **rescue loop**

body-holding device designed and constructed as a component of a rescue system consisting of elements designed and constructed so that, during the rescue process, the rescuee is held and kept in a defined position

#### 3.2

##### **rescue loop class A**

rescue loop designed and constructed in such a way that, during the rescue process, the rescuee is held by the straps of the rescue loop passing around the back and under the arms

NOTE See Figure 1.

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