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In November 2010, a service member died and another was seriously injured when a RAID tower collapsed. The accident occurred because the procedures listed in the Technical Manual were not followed. When the tower was raised, a guy cable became bound and caused the tower to collapse and the upper half of the tower to fall. The tower folded allowing the camera unit to swing toward the ground where it struck two service members, causing the death of one and permanently injuring the other. Neither service member was wearing personal protective equipment which resulted in severe head trauma and traumatic brain injuries

REMEMBER

- **Do not operate the equipment without proper training**
- **Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- **Follow the Technical Manual (TM) and verify compliance with all standards**
- **Maintain Situational Awareness**
- **Maintain a safety zone and know the tower footprint**



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