# 9 Set Up and Take Down Catwalk

## How to Get a Manager Check-Off

Have Challenge Center Manager observe you setting up and talking down the Catwalk.

## Procedure Details

### Set Up

* Retrieve wood ladder labeled “CAT” and place on the catwalk pole, secure in place by clipping a locking carabiner to the closest staple at the top of the ladder.
* Ensure you have correct rope bag for the catwalk as well as the correct amount of belay devices and carabiners.
  + Belay devices (1)
  + Carabiners (3)
  + Rubber tube (1)
* Inspect the climbing rope by pulling one end out of the bag and running your hand and visually inspecting the entire rope.
* Tie Killick hitch to end of belay rope with p-cord (retrieval line). Pull rope through shear reduction device (SRD).
* Untie Killick hitch and flake out p-cord (retrieval line) in a secure place that will not be in the participants’ way (hint: tie the end of retrieval line to something so that it will be easy to find for take down). This is usually on the north end of the platform at the base of the Catwalk.
* Tie a bowline on a bight in the end of the rope that passes closest to the ropes shed, place rubber tube over both loops of the bowline and place carabiners (2) in both loops below tube. Pull rubber tube down to hold carabiners in place.
* Push a bight of rope into the belay device with the brake end running over the teeth (standard set up). Place belay carabiner in through both the bight of rope and the belay device’s retaining loop. Tie a stopper knot at end of rope.
* Clip the belay carabiner to the two participant carabiners and stow the rope in an organized fashion ensuring that the rope stays off the ground until in use.

### Take Down

* Remove all hardware and knots.
* Tie Killick Hitch to end of belay rope with p-cord (retrieval line). Pull rope back through the SRD, holding tension on the p-cord until the entire rope is on the ground. Tie a quick-release knot to keep p-cord ends together. Secure p-cord to pole.
* Flake rope into rope bag ensuring inspection of entire rope. Stow rope bag in correct location in equipment shed.
* Replace all hardware in proper place in green box in equipment shed and return ladder to rack.