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Incident Report

Report any unusual occurrence. This helps compile statistics, establish trends, educate others and try to prevent similar or worse incidents.
Submit within 7 days of occurrence

Drop Zone/SJO:	Witbank Skydiving Club	Date/time of incident:	4 January 2014
Location of incident:	Witbank	Aircraft type:	Atlas Angel
Jump type/height (AGL):	Static Line 4000ft	Weather conditions:	Sunny, little wind

Parachutist involved:	Roeland Malan	PASA No:	Student
Date of birth/Age:	6 July 1971 (42)	Gender:	M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
Total jumps:	2	Jumps in last 12 months:	2
Jumps in last month:	1	Time in sport:	2 months
Licences or ratings held:	None	Refresher training:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Current <input type="checkbox"/>	Uncurrent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Body mass of jumper:	87kg (include pax mass for tandems)		
Main wing loading:	0.8	Reserve wing loading:	0.9

Equipment Used:	Container Make:	Vortex	Manufacturer:	Parachute Systems
Main make:	PISA Skymaster	Main size:	285	
Reserve make:	PISA Tempo	Reserve size:	250	
AAD:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AAD type:	RSL:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Owner of equipment:	Own: <input type="checkbox"/>	Club: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Borrowed: <input type="checkbox"/>	(name):
Packed by:	Self: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	(state name): Eddie	

Incident classification:	Reserve: <input type="checkbox"/> Landing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
	S/Line: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S/L Prog: <input type="checkbox"/> AFF: <input type="checkbox"/> ISP: <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem: <input type="checkbox"/> Demo: <input type="checkbox"/> Night: <input type="checkbox"/>
	FS: <input type="checkbox"/> Atmo: <input type="checkbox"/> AE: <input type="checkbox"/> CF: <input type="checkbox"/> CP: <input type="checkbox"/> SAP: <input type="checkbox"/> WS: <input type="checkbox"/> Camera: <input type="checkbox"/>

Description of incident (As detailed as possible, use overleaf if required):

Student was dispatched from 4000ft upwind of the dz and had a good exit with no problems. Witnesses said they saw him land off the dz about 500m into the veld behind some trees. As I had just landed I sorted my gear out and then went to look for him with his friend who also jumped. After about 20 minutes we discovered him lying semi-conscious with blood on his face and hands. Checked vital signs and called paramedics who took him to hospital for treatment. It was very rough ground but he had landed in an open clear area. Looking at the position of the canopy in relation to him and an eye witness report it appears he landed downwind.

I suspected a broken nose, maybe jaw and severe concussion, looks like he hit the ground face down.

CI's comments, impressions (Parachutist's knowledge of procedures, mental/physical preparedness, currency, equipment, condition etc.)

Just received refresher training and suspended harness training.

Seemed switched on prior to the jump and gave me no concerns.

Course done in November and due to holiday season was uncurrent but received correct training before jump.

Refresher training included off dz landings and 3 priorities of landings.

Recommendations / action taken (how do we prevent a similar occurrence?):

Tried to contact him, his wife and friend Sunday morning for an update and only got voicemails so left a message and eventually his wife contacted Jason (chairman) and told him he was kept in hospital with swelling on the brain

Signature & Rating No:
CI/SO/SJO:

K Elliott (Chief Instructor) I147

Signature: Parachutist
involved (if available)