# TECHNICAL RESCUE INTERNATIONAL



# STANDARDS OVERVIEW

## Standards, accreditations and approvals

Very few technical rescue disciplines have national or international standards and most standards or accreditations are associated with industrial work rather than rescue standards.

We feel that as a credible training provider, our training and courses should meet a standard so we offer various accreditations, standards or the position we hold as accredited training providers for our courses so that the client knows that there is a criteria and standard that must be met and that the training, training materials and documentation and instructors are audited and of the best quality.

Various standards apply to the courses provided by Technical Rescue International and this depends on the type and level of course delivered.

## What we offer

- Technical Rescue International (TRI) certification
- International Technical Rescue Association (ITRA) certification
- United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) approved Training Provider
- Institute of Search & Technical Rescue (ISTR) approved Training Provider
- Qualification Network United Kingdom (QNUK) approved Training Centre
- International Organisation for Standards (ISO) Quality Assured.

## Technical Rescue International

As highlighted above and in the following text, Technical Rescue International has invested heavily in ensuring that all of our training either meets a standard, is delivered as an approved training provider/centre or has been quality assured.

All TRI instructors are operationally experienced, suitably qualified and adhere to policies and procedures aligned to the most up to date legislation, best practice industry standards, HSE recommendations and government guidance.

All TRI certification will state the level of training and qualification and the outcomes achieved.

https://technicalrescueinternational.co.uk/

## Institute of Search and Technical Rescue

Formerly the Association for Search and Rescue was established in 2013 as a not-for-profit professional body.

The Institute exists to promote critical reflection, learning and informal peer exchanges to improve service delivery and raise standards within the fields of Search and Technical Rescue.

Founded by members of the Search and Technical Rescue communities, their aim is to bring together practitioners and experts from across all sectors involved in search and rescue for the preservation of life. Technical Rescue are proud be a Corporate Member of the Institute of Search and Technical Rescue and as members we are able to offer accredited courses within the UK and overseas.

## What does this mean for Technical Rescue International customers

Technical Rescue International has been approved as a recognised ISTR Training Provider and shows that our courses have been quality assured by an independent body through stringent processes and that our training materials are of the highest standard.
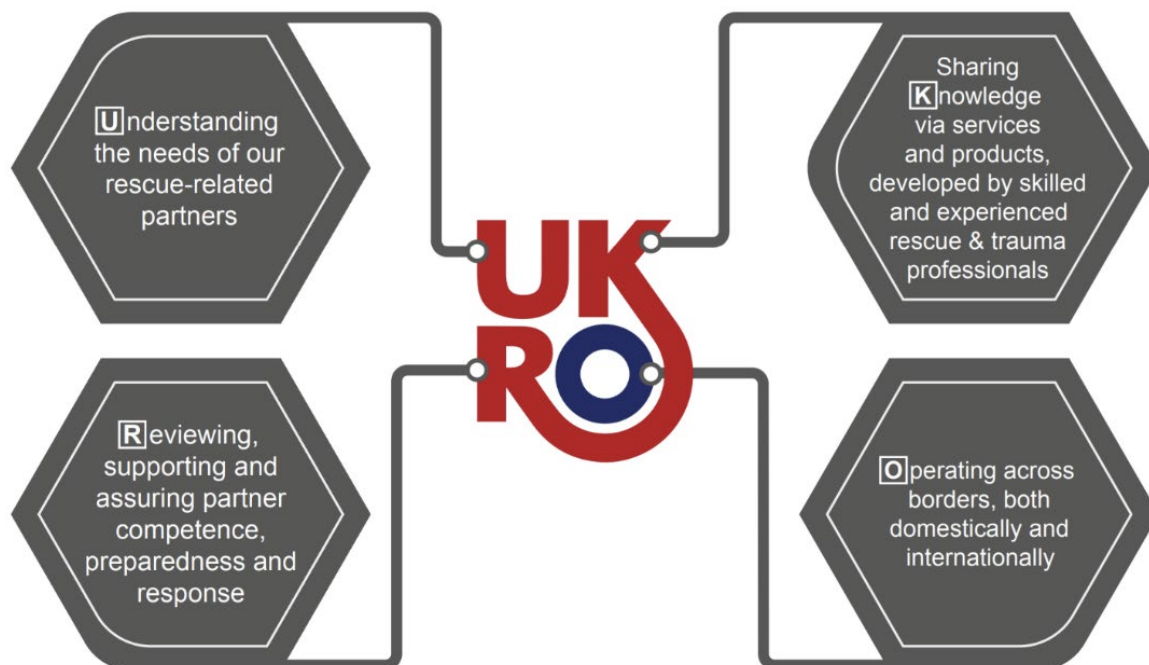
https://rescue-institute.org/

# The United Kingdom Rescue Organisation

For over 30 years, the UKRO has, and continues to be, at the forefront of development and innovation in the field of professional rescue, ensuring that rescue and trauma professionals both in the UK and internationally, are able to adapt and respond to existing and emerging risks. During this time, the UKRO has acquired a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

The UKRO is formed and run by practitioners predominantly from within the Fire and Rescue and Medical sectors with a passion for advancing professional rescue. Both serving and recently retired rescue and trauma professionals, the dedicated UKRO team of volunteers come from across the UK, amassing their knowledge, skills and experience.

Supported by the UKRO Board of Trustees, the UKRO ensures that it remains at the cutting edge of rescue developments and that its services and products are as applicable to managing organisational risks, as they are to rescue and trauma professionals putting them into practice at an incident scene.

## Mission statement



## Quality management

To ensure that the UKRO's activities, services and products are of the highest quality, the UKRO introduced a robust Quality Management System (QMS), which is reflected in organisational policies, procedures and ways of working. The QMS is monitored by each Director, to ensure compliance with the principles and guidance, throughout their Directorates.

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https://ukro.org/

## Qualifications Network United Kingdom

QNUK are an Awarding Organisation (AO) regulated by Ofqual, Qualifications Wales and CCEA Regulation in Northern Ireland.

They offer a wide range of qualifications in the fields of Health, Safety and Security. With the closure of shared units, Qualifications Network has been able to develop their own unique set of qualifications, making sure their approved centres such as Technical Rescue International can provide high quality training and qualifications with trainers and assessors who are occupationally competent and quality assured.

They are the first aid awarding organisation at the centre of the first aid and safety training community, offering qualifications related to Safety, Health and Security with a wide portfolio including First Aid and pre-hospital care with a combined total of over 9000 members.

## What does this mean for Technical Rescue International customers

Technical Rescue International has been approved as a recognised QNUK Training Centre and shows that our medical courses have been quality assured by an independent body through stringent processes and that our training materials are of the highest standard.

https://qualifications-network.co.uk/

# The International Technical Rescue Association

ITRA is the International Technical Rescue Association. They are a global non-profit organisation that provides world-wide recognition of technical rescue practitioners and instructors, across a wide range of rescue disciplines including swift-water, boat, rope, confined space and USAR.

## Purpose: Why ITRA?

- To promote international best practices and standards for technical rescue
- To improve the global portability and recognition of professional rescue qualifications
- To provide local flexibility in delivering technical rescue training curriculum.

## Vision: Our hope

- A collaborative and professional global technical rescue industry.

## Mission: What we do

- Recognise and document locally delivered training according to global best practice
- Provide Independent competency-based assessment for instructors and technical rescuers
- Maintain a global central database of training records for members
- Share safety related lessons learned from technical rescue activities to prevent harm.

## What does this mean for Technical Rescue International customers

We provide training and certification of delegates in a range of disciplines up to Instructor level and this shows that our ITRA Instructors/Assessors have attained the standard through stringent processes.

| COURSE | LEVEL | ✔ |
|---|---|---|
| Swiftwater Rescue Responder | 1 | ✔ |
| Swiftwater Rescue Technician | 2 | ✔ |
| Swiftwater rescue Advanced | 3 | ✔ |
| Swiftwater Rescue Boat | 3B | ✔ |
| Swiftwater Rescue Vehicle | 3V | ✔ |
| Swiftwater Rescue Instructor | 3 | ✔ |
| Rope Rescue Responder | 1 | ✔ |
| Rope Rescue Technician | 2 | ✔ |
| Rope Rescue Advanced | 3 | ✔ |
| Rope Tactical Responder | 1T | ✔ |
| Rope Rescue Instructor | 3 | ✔ |
| Confined Space Rescue Responder | 1 | ✔ |
| Confined Space Rescue Technician | 2 | ✔ |
| Confined Space Rescue Advanced | 3 | ✔ |
| Confined Space Rescue Inert | 1N | ✔ |
| Confined Space Rescue Instructor | 3 | ✔ |
| Urban Search & Rescue Light | 1 | ✔ |
| Urban Search & Rescue Medium | 2 | ✔ |
| Urban Search & Rescue Heavy | 3 | ✔ |
| Urban Search & Rescue Instructor | 3 | ✔ |

https://itra.international/

## ISO – International Organisation for Standards

ISO 9001 - sets out the criteria for a quality management system. It can be used by any organisation, large or small, regardless of its field of activity.

This standard is based on a number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, the motivation and implication of top management, the process approach and continual improvement. ISO 9001 helps ensure that customers get consistent, good-quality products and services, which in turn brings many business benefits.

ISO 14001 sets out the criteria for an environmental management system and it maps out a framework that a company or organisation can follow to set up an effective environmental management system.

Designed for any type of organisation, regardless of its activity or sector, it can provide assurance to company management and employees as well as external stakeholders that environmental impact is being measured and improved.

### What does this mean for Technical Rescue International customers

Technical Rescue International has been awarded both standards as described above and shows that our courses have been quality assured by an independent body through stringent processes and that our systems of work are of the highest standard.



https://www.iso.org/home.html