



## SAFETY ADVISORY

Issued by Angus Pinkerton Chairman Flying and Safety Committee 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025

*All paraglider pilots should read, digest and take action on the contents of this notice.*

### **Charly /Finsterwalder Paralock 3 Quick release carabiner**

Following reports of unintentional releases, apparently due to incorrect operation, Charly Finsterwalder issued a safety notice urging pilots to take great care that the device was correctly locked. The German association (DHV) conducted some tests and noted that the device was suitable if properly used, but it emerged the lines from foot-operated speed systems could potentially interfere with the locking lever. There was fatality in Italy that appears to have been caused by an accidental release.

"Charly Finsterwalder will shortly be offering a retro-fit "line shield" device that prevents this issue, and which will allow the use of a Paralock 3 by solo pilots. However, the Paralock 3 (whether modified or not) must not be used for any dual flying."

Any pilot who has bought the Paralock 3 for dual use, can return them and claim a refund from the dealer they purchased it from. The factory will refund customers who purchased directly from them.

This notice applies only to the Paralock 3. Earlier devices are not affected.

If you intend to continue to use the Paralock 3 for solo flying, you are urged to consult the advice and updated operating instructions available on the company's website. [finsterwalder-charly.de](http://finsterwalder-charly.de)