

Redningsøvelse i Skuterud gruver

Vertical rescue practise in a mine

The Norwegian Caving Rescue Team (NGRT) had decided to practise vertical rescue in a mine in the South of Norway. NUSK suggested the Skuterud mines and the date was 5th to 7th of March 2010. They split into two separate teams: Team 10 used the 10. meter pit, team 20 used the 20 meter pit. Both P10 and P20 have a wide and dry space at the bottom, which makes it easy to organize the stretcher and to start/end the vertical transportation. The pits themselves are also wide, which gives a possibility to transport the stretcher horizontally. The starting point at both pits are also dry and wide, and thus are not giving the same problems at the edge as those very common in caves.

Both teams decided to use 6:1 pulley systems with a pulley (2:1) on the stretcher.

There were plenty of bolts, but the teams needed to have a couple of more to make a belay system. Permission was given to use supplementary bolts. Hammering on the rock gave different sounds. There were several places that looked okay, but not when they heard the sound. The rock is hard and an electric drill requires full batteries. The petrol run drill of NUSK had no problems.

The practise was a great success. NGRT would like to have another practise session another time. A nice location to practise.