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Tarp Retensioning

The Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) provides tarps for your roof to temporarily protect your house from the elements. If your house has been tarped by SES volunteers, the following instructions will assist you in re-tying and tightening existing tarp knots. Please do not climb up trees or on roofs to adjust your tarp.

To secure a tarp to a tie-off point use a 'round turn and two half-hitches' knot. This simple knot keeps the tension on the tarping rope whilst being tied. Make sure there is firm tension on the tarping rope but not so tight that you risk pulling the eyelets out of the tarp.

If you require further emergency assistance,
please call the SES on

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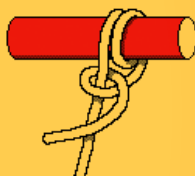
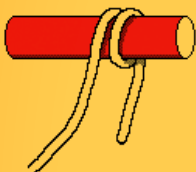
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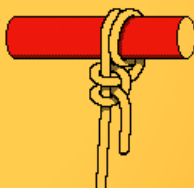
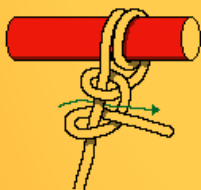
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How to tie a 'round turn and two half hitches' knot

1. Form a round turn by passing the rope twice around the tie-off point and pull on the end of the rope to tension the tarp. Hold the tension.
2. Form a half hitch by looping the rope around the main part of the line (the section under tension between the tarp and the tie-off point). Ensure that the end of the rope passes between the loop and the tie off point. Pull tight.



3. Form a second half hitch by repeating step two.
4. Pull tight to complete the knot.



How to choose a tie-off point

Ensure that what you use as a tie-off point is secure. Give it a good shake first. If it moves, look for something else. Some examples include:

- fences (secure posts or rails rather than palings)
- clotheslines (the centre upright post if in good condition)
- railings on balconies or patios (check for rust first)
- house stumps or trees.

If the tarping rope crosses a path or regular walking area, tie a piece of bright cloth to it so it can be readily seen day or night.

Do not tie the tarp to vehicles or downpipes.