

# How paragliding works

## 1 INFLATING THE CANOPY

- The first step in a successful launch is “building a wall”.
- By using the wind to inflate the canopy, the person can clearly see the direction of the wind and get a general feel of the wind speed.



Hill or steep slope

## 2 LAUNCH

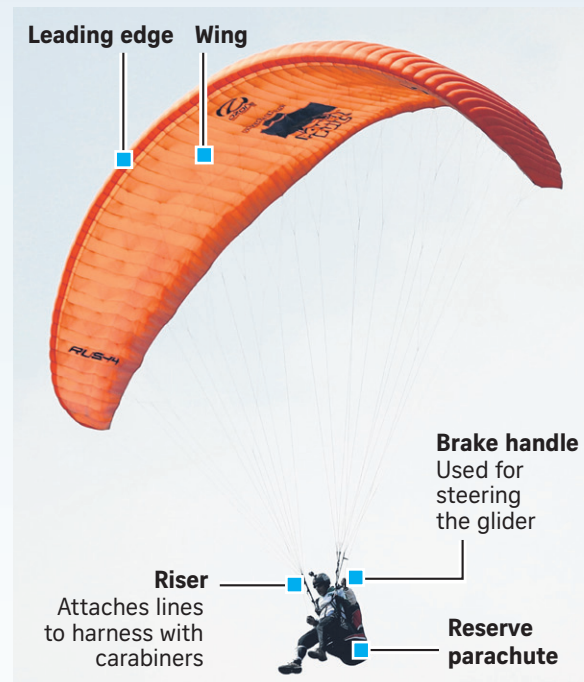
- The pilot reverses to a forward-facing position and drives his weight into the wind, getting lifted off the ground.
- As the ground drops away, steering is accomplished using brakes and weight shifting in the harness.



## 3 IN THE AIR



## FEATURES



NOTE: Photo for illustration only.

## WHERE ACCIDENT HAPPENED



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