

# CARL GEOFFREY HARROW



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## Professional Summary

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I first got involved in rope access in the UK late 1998 and became an on-site level 3 supervisor in 1999. I worked for 10 years onshore on projects such as Premiership Football Stadiums and the London Eye Millennium Wheel and telecoms worldwide on 300m + masts before getting involved in training work at height and rope access for IRATA.

In 2005 I re-located to mainland Spain and I set up the first IRATA member company in Spain delivering IRATA training as well as opportunistic operations contracts. I became an IRATA Assessor in 2008 and continue to assess worldwide and under the assessor code of ethics I am required to act as an ambassador promoting IRATA across the world.

Having undergone the IRATA membership process, I have provided consultancy services to other potential IRATA member companies in the UK, Spain, Portugal and Canada. I have personally successfully taken 7 companies through the IRATA audit process including Venko & Brand Safway in the UK and NL.

I have worked offshore in fabric maintenance for more than 10 years and have held the position of offshore coordinator for Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services UK Ltd. with a team of 24 on a key Shell platform in the North Sea.

I became the Venko Group Rope Access Technical Authority late 2016, and then transferred to Brand Safway in the same role, taking responsibility for both UK and NL rope access activities as well as managing the IRATA licence for both Venko and Brand in the UK and NL.

## Personal Skills

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- I am an honest, reliable, self-motivated individual.
- I have good written & verbal communication skills for both team management and client liaison.
- I have a very high level of technical knowledge of safe working at height.
- I am a practical, resourceful individual who can adapt quickly and have a willingness to learn new skills.
- I am an influential team leader with the sense of responsibility & positivity to help team members grow in confidence.
- I understand the accountability required to lead a team but also the need for flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

## Professional Skills

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- IRATA Level 3 Supervisor – A/3/3565
- GWO BST, BR, SS, EFA, ART & SART + SSGT E-Learnings – Winda ID CH065886GB
- NACE Coating Inspector Level 2 - N-48733
- OEUK Offshore Medical with Chester Step Test
- IOSH Safety Management in the Rope Access and Work at Height Industry
- IRATA Assessor and Work at Height Consultant

## **IRATA Assessor & Consultant**

**Jun 2009 - Present**

IRATA International - Kent, United Kingdom

I have been a qualified IRATA International examiner since 2008 and it is an honour to work as an independent assessor, supporting IRATA certified training centres in Spain and internationally. I always try to maintain and promote the IRATA International training and certification system as the highest standard of quality and safety in rope access work.

## **Work Experience**

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### **Wind Turbine Blade Repair Technician L3**

**Aug 2024 - Present**

Comantur, S.L.

Rigging and repairing blades on Siemens Gamesa SG52, SG80, SG132 on multiple sites in Spain including Iberdrola.

### **Group Rope Access Technical Authority**

**Dec 2018 -Jul 2022**

Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services

Overall responsibility for the planning & execution of all rope access activities for Venko Offshore NL, Venko Offshore UK, Brand Safway NL & Brand Safway UK. 4 separate IRATA licences using shared resources.

### **CUI Fabric Maintenance Coordinator**

**Dec 2015 -Dec 2018**

Venko/Brand

Overall responsibility for the delivery of an offshore multi-skilled fabric maintenance team including rope access blaster/painters, insulators, inspectors, riggers and electricians on the Shell Clipper offshore complex.

### **Rope Access Technical Authority**

**Jan 2009 – Dec 2015**

STEK Engineering

Overall responsibility for rope access activities.

### **Rope Access Team Supervisor**

**June 2014- Sept 2015**

BIS Salamis

Team leader for a “black trades” rigging and rope access team constructing and deconstructing offshore in the North Sea.

### **Painting Supervisor**

**May 2013-June 2014**

BIS Salamis

Offshore installation painting foreman, responsible for applying coatings to client specification using a team of rope access blasters and painters.

### **Rope Access L3 Supervisor**

**Dec 2008 – May 2013**

BIS Salamis

Rope Access supervision of painting and blasting team in the southern sector of the North Sea on Shell Clipper platform.

### **Rope Access L3 / Rig Builder**

**Aug 2008- Dec 2008**

DSL

Rope Access supervision and hands-on installation of steelwork on both the derrick and over side of rig. Installing heat shields in Angola.

### **Owner & Manager**

**Feb 2006 – Aug 2008**

Valencia Vertical S.L.

Valencia Vertical was created as a European centre of excellence for safe work at height, specifically to promote the IRATA certification scheme and safe methods of work in Spain and to other non-English-speaking markets. We worked closely with industry and government in Spain and, having delivered the IRATA guidelines in Spanish, we continued to support Spanish IRATA member companies in establishing IRATA as the nationally recognized standard for rope access in Spain.

**Working at Heights Instructor & Level 3 Rope Access Supervisor****Feb 2004 – Feb 2006**

Self-Employed/Total Access- UK

Initially as an employee of Total Access and subsequently working on a sub-contract basis for various companies including Total Access, The Access Group, Dragon and Rope Access UK, delivered IRATA training at all levels as well as running courses on other aspects of work at height. Also designed and delivered specialist work at height training for industry, conducted audits on pre-installed rooftop safety systems and made recommendations for improved safety measures when appropriate. Also acted as a subcontract IRATA Level 3 safety supervisor on a variety of bridge/shaft inspection, maintenance and repair contracts.

**Telecommunications & Rigging Engineer****July 2002 – Dec 2003**

GTI Limited - UK &amp; Caribbean

Responsible for the planning and implementation of complex lifting and rigging operations for France Telecom and Cable & Wireless including the installation, inspection and decommissioning of steel towers & structures microwave dishes and large antennae across the Caribbean network. Also installed and maintained microwave and broadband telecoms networks in the UK.

As the only IRATA qualified person employed by this company, continuously advised on the appropriate use of rope access for specific telecoms and rigging contracts and took responsibility for the planning and direct supervision of rope access activity.

**Rigging Engineer & Safety Consultant****Nov 2000 – May 2002**

Thalles Support Services - USA

Responsible for installing and maintaining mobile communications networks for AT&T and O2 Wireless across the USA. Working at an average height of 100m, and occasionally at heights of up to 300m, specific tasks included surveying, inspecting and maintaining large towers and structures as well as the installation and decommissioning of antennae and other network equipment.

**Technical Director/IRATA Level 3 Supervisor****Jan 2000 – Oct 2000**

Roped Access Limited – UK

As one of the founding directors of this company, planned, managed and implemented major contracts inspecting and repairing steelwork, steel fixings and paintwork at Sunderland and Reading football stadiums, and various other football stadiums across the UK. Whilst involved in setting up the company also worked on a sub-contract basis for Total Access as a Level 3 supervisor on Dolphin Square, London.

**IRATA Level 1 & Level 2 Rope Access Technician****Jan 1999 – Jan 2000**

Vertical Technology – UK

Work experience includes concrete inspection, dust sampling and endoscopy at Sizewell B, Hinkley Point and Dungeness nuclear power stations; plaster repair works to a 12 storey (150 ft) atrium at the Arc, Hammersmith; and geotechnical surveying, mapping, rock drilling, scaling and netting in various locations across the UK.

## Professional References

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