



Bozeman Paragliding's

“Getting Good”

In my experience, these things seem to separate great, safe pilots from sub-par pilots. More of each item is better. I've tried to put them in approximate order of importance. Notice the first two:

1. Good judgment
2. Perfect kiting skills
3. Fly frequently
4. Feel brakes throughout launch
5. Mexico (or similar trip)
6. Maneuvers courses
7. Compete
8. Fly with current gear
9. Be part of local flying community
10. Have desire to improve, not stagnate
11. Read up on current PG affairs, online forums, etc.
12. Have fun!!! (maybe this should be higher on the list!)

Good judgment is the only one that may be a little ambiguous. By “judgment” I mean your decision making both on the ground and in the air. Your ability to decide whether the wind is too strong, that storm is too close, whether or not you can make it to the LZ with this headwind, etc. Always err on the side of safety. If that means walking down, so be it. I've walked down hundreds of times in my flying career – it's part of the game.

Fly Safe! - Andy Macrae