



In truth, while you are on the climb, you don't have many options. Carefully descend by lowering Joanne to the next rappel station, and have her set her own anchor before rappelling down to her; repeat until you are on the ground. At that point re-evaluate her status, mobility, and daylight with the length and difficulty of the evacuation and the impending weather. If her status and mobility permit safe movement in the current environment and terrain, continue your self-evacuation to the nearest medical facility for definitive assessment; assist her as necessary during the evacuation to make sure she doesn't fall. Alternately, consider leaving her at the base of the climb with as much insulation as possible, going to and returning from your vehicle for bivy supplies, and then, conditions permitting, leaving to get help.