CINEMA KNOTS, ROPE INSPECTION & WALL SPREADER SAFETY

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KNOT / RIGGING SYSTEM	MECHANICAL ACTION	CRITICAL FIELD USAGE & SAFETY LIMIT
Bowline	Fixed Non-Jamming Anchor Loop	Stand ears, ground stakes & tie-down rings (breaks loose easily after storm)
Clove Hitch + 2 Half Hitches	Fast Round Pipe Tie	Speed-Rail anchors (NEVER leave bare without Two Half Hitches behind it)
Trucker's Hitch (Alpine Loop)	2:1–3:1 Pulley Tensioner	Outdoor frame guy lines — snug taut like low bass string, never bow steel risers!
#4 Trickline / #8–#12 Sash	1/8" vs 1/4"–3/8" Braided Poly	Retire any frayed, glazed/melted or UV-chalked cord; never hoist iron overhead by rope
Wall Spreader (Speed-Rail/2×6)	Interior Compression Jack	Span 16"/24" studs behind 2×6 rubber-padded plates near top header; add steel safety cable!

Drywall & Ceiling Guard: Bare 1/2" gypsum crushes around small spreader feet under 40–80 lb compression. Always use wide timber pads over structural wall studs & drop-ceiling scissor clips strictly onto main runners wired with secondary safety cables to true structural deck joists.