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### **Reasons for having Octopus on the Left**

The octopus should face the user – the out-of-air-diver – not you the donor. Here's why:

1. If on the right, the regulator will likely be upside down when you attempt to give it to dive buddy. – what happens when you breathe on an upside down regulator
2. Can't control hose - above the arm.
3. You have to be to the diver's side, not directly in-front, when giving buddy octopus.
4. You cannot keep eye contact/face to face with diver due to body position.
5. If you try to make eye contact/get in-front of diver, the regulator gets pulled from the diver's mouth.
6. If you position the octopus right side up, you are unable to push the purge button.
7. If on the right, all you have is a pinky to grip the regulator with, rather than the power grip.
8. Octopus hose is bent in front of your face and can up your own mask and regulator out.
9. Octopus is for your dive buddy not for you in out of air situations
10. If your primary fails, you do not want to use your octopus. Increasing the amount of air flowing through your primary, by switching to an octopus while your second stage is free flowing, increases the chance of having a primary free flow.
11. The only reason you would use your octopus is if your mouth piece comes off your second stage.
12. IF you need to use your octopus, you can wrap it around your head or breathe off of it upside down.
13. If it is on the right, the hose becomes shorter, due to the bend you have to put in it, when giving it to your dive buddy.
14. If you need to release your weight belt, and have your right hand tied up, you cannot.

15. If you grab your octopus with your right hand, because it is on the right, you no longer can control their BCD because you are hanging onto their right side.
16. Possibly have a mix up when retrieving regulator.
17. Air2 (Octopus integrated into low pressure inflator)-You never give away your second stage as you will never get it back.
18. If you give away your second stage with 1 hand, secure dive buddy with other, you no longer have a hand free to retrieve your octopus/air.