

Fall Protection Awareness: Equipment Inspection

Personal fall protection should be inspected:

- Prior to use
- At least annually by a qualified employee



If any equipment is ever involved in a fall, even if it does not show signs of damage, remove it from use, return it to your supervisor and retrieve another fall protection device.

The two categories of fall protection are:

- Software
 - Nylon, polyester
- Hardware
 - Metal

Lanyards, harnesses, synthetic slings and ropes should be inspected for:

- Cut/torn fibers and threads
- Missing, illegible labels
- Burns or chemical damage

If you notice signs that a lanyard or other fall arrest equipment has been deployed, it should be immediately taken out of service.

Snaphooks, carabiners, rope grabs, cables, and metal integral to software should be inspected for:

- Corrosion, cracks, deformation, burrs, wear spots
- Dirt, paint, grease
- Missing nuts, bolts, cotter pins
- Gate operation (should close easily)