



Toolbox Talk

Topic: Fall Protection

Inspections of fall protection equipment are crucial for ensuring proper equipment functioning in the event of a fall. Inspecting the three major parts of the personal fall arrest system (PFAS) can mean the difference between life and death.

Anchorage inspections

- Ensure the anchor point is certified to hold the required load for fall protection systems.
 - Capable of supporting at least 5,000 pounds per employee attached.
- Are any of the connecting points to the anchor damaged?
- Do any parts of the anchor appear to be bent, warped or damaged?
- If the anchor point is not a manufacturer product (For example: anchor on scissor lift), has a professional engineer stamped the design to indicate it can withstand 5,000 pounds per employee attached?
- Any damaged anchorage points should not be used.

Lanyard Inspections

- If working on a leading edge, is the lanyard device rated for leading edge work?
- Is the lanyard the appropriate length for the height you'll be working?
- Is the lanyard free of any burrs, burns, holes or damage?
- Is the tag on the lanyard easy to read and free of damage?
- Any lanyards deemed to be damaged should be replaced immediately.

Harness Inspections

- Is the harness the appropriate size for you?
- Do any of the straps appear to be damaged, burned, warped or stretched?
- Does the stitching on the harness appear to be in good condition?
- Do any of the buckles appear to be bent or damaged?
- Is the D-ring in good condition without any damage or bending?
- Any harnesses with damage should be replaced immediately.

Prompt a group discussion by asking the crew how they conduct inspections on their fall protection equipment.



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