

Thinking Target Zero

Special Safety Bulletin

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Stop Use: Miller Fall Protection Harnesses

A recent inspection of MILLER fall protection harnesses at our W&FM Project identified two units that were manufactured with a “green” plastic component in the locking mechanism (see photo below) that was cracked. The cracked plastic component prevented the latch from staying in a closed position. Due to this vulnerability, the manufacturer has redesigned the harness buckles using all-metal parts. CHPRC has requested removal from service all Miller harnesses with plastic components in the locking mechanism.

An important part of any fall protection program is the pre-use and periodic inspection of equipment. It was this attention to detail that led to the discovery of fall protection harnesses found to have the potential to fail during use.



What to do if issued a MILLER fall protection harness

As with all fall protection equipment, user shall perform a thorough and complete inspection of the equipment. Any equipment that is found to be defective or damaged shall be removed from service. In addition, any Miller fall protection harnesses with plastic components in the locking mechanism shall also be removed from service.

Tag-out the harness to prevent further use and retain pending further direction.

Contact Kim Roueche at 372-3310 for more information.