

TOOL BOX TALKS

Inspecting Fall Protection

An employee did it right by taking the extra time to do a thorough fall protection equipment inspection. This employee found a defective lanyard, right out of the box new. Always inspect fall protection equipment, new or not. Always remember that fall arrest equipment must be inspected before each use, and annually. Falls are preventable. Do what it takes to prevent falls on the jobsite.

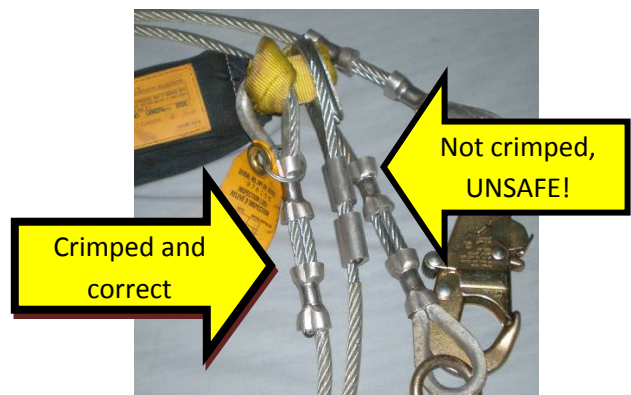
WORKSAFE TIPS

FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS:

An employee went to get a new lanyard and put it into service. During the pre-use inspection, the employee noticed that one of the lanyards was not crimped and the cable could be pulled out. The employee immediately removed the lanyard from service to make sure no one accidentally used it.

This is a good example of why fall protection equipment must be used before it is used. It would be easy to miss this defect if you conducted a rapid equipment inspection or didn't inspect the equipment at all. If the time came when the lanyard was needed to save your life, it would fail because the wire would have pulled free. Just because equipment is new does not mean it is safe. Inspect all equipment before use.

All the connections are crimped – except the two seen in the lead at the center of the photo



It would be easy to miss this defect.

Spend quality time making good inspections.



This lanyard would have failed if a fall would have occurred!