



Alert Notification

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Alert Type: Safety Product Environmental Security Process Materials
 Other: _____

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DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE OR OPERATING LIMITATION

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Neither case resulted in injury. However, the potential for injury would be high if these occurred in the course of a fall or other critical situation.

AFFECTED EQUIPMENT/FACILITY (INCLUDE PART NUMBERS AND NAMES, IF APPLICABLE)

SALA fall protection harnesses.

REQUIRED ACTIONS

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Tracy Watson is currently working with the vendor and the manufacturer to determine whether these incidents are isolated or part of a larger quality issue. Further guidance on this equipment will follow, depending on the outcome of the investigation.

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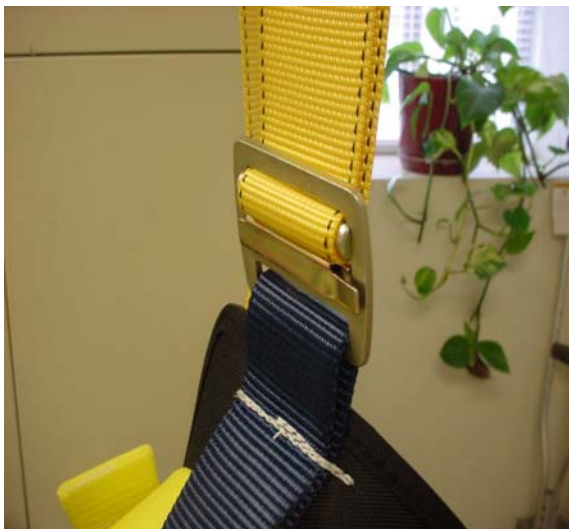
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Early Learning Points

- Sala brand harness, Model #1104804, Lot# 12832203, Date of manufacture 06-06.
- PPE in question was a personal issue item and had been issued to EE new Dec. 07.
- All components of the harness showed no sign of wear or rough service.
- Spring loaded safety slide came out of buckle allowing the roller tensioner to fall free from buckle.
- Had this happened under load it would have been a catastrophic failure of safety harness.
- All harnesses of this type should be closely inspected giving special attention to the adjusting buckle and the spring loaded tensioner.
- Currently contacting Sala regarding this incident.



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