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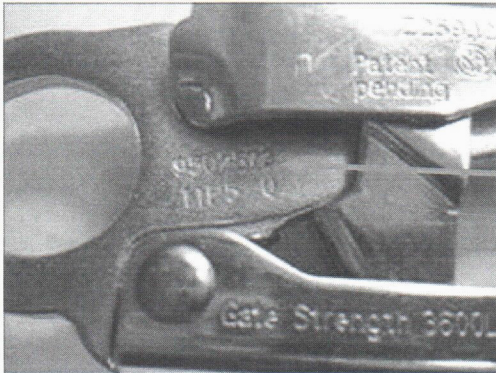
PROTECTA SHOCK ABSORBING LANYARDS

RECALL NOTICE

Capital Safety is aware of a reported inadvertent disconnection during use of the locking snaphook used in a series of "Y-shaped" Protecta lanyards with twin lanyard legs that both attach directly to the eye of the snaphook (part number 9502573) where it attaches to a harness d-ring. The affected lanyards may look similar to the following:



The snaphook part number (9502573) used in the affected lanyards is identified as follows:



This snaphook may be found in lanyards with the following part numbers:

AE560CY - 4,5,6,7,8 (ft. increments)
AE560CLY - 4,5,6,7,8 (ft. increments)
AE560CLHY-4,5,6,7,8 (ft. increments)
AE560CLSY- 4,5,6,7,8,10 (ft. increments)

AE560C-4PKS
AE560CY-4H
AE560CY-6H
AE560CLY-4H

AE560CLY-56
AE560CLY-6H
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The recall includes all Protecta twin leg lanyards with legs that both attach directly to the eye of a single snaphook (part number 9502573) sold in Canada from March 2010 until October 31, 2011.

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The Situation

In a particular use configuration when the lanyard legs are pulled upwards simultaneously and the snaphook is compressed against the harness d-ring, the combination of forces acting on both the locking mechanism and the gate opening of the snaphook may cause the snaphook to disconnect from the d-ring. (See photo below)



The identified reason for the inadvertent disconnection is the combination of a particular style locking snaphook (9502573) together with twin lanyard legs sewn directly to the eye of the snaphook. Although there have been no reported falls or injuries associated with the use of this configuration lanyard, CS is committed to the safety of every worker at height using our products and we are determined to resolve any potential for inadvertent disconnection to occur for the reason described above.

The identified snaphook (9502573) was sold in Canada for the period from March 2010 until October 31, 2011. Lanyards without the identified snaphook are not included in this recall (twin leg lanyards with snaphook part numbers 9510218 or 9500806 are not included).

The Solution

Distributors that have purchased the affected products will be notified of this recall and will in turn notify their customers. Upon notification, if you have twin leg Protecta lanyards with a snaphook (9502573) as identified in above photographs, you should immediately take the lanyard(s) out of service and contact our Customer Service department at 1-800-387-7484 to obtain a "QA" number for the return of the lanyard(s). Capital Safety will provide a like replacement Protecta lanyard at no cost. The free lanyard applies only if the returned lanyard is in proper working condition as determined by Capital Safety; if not, charges may apply.

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Alternatively, you may request a different style Protecta lanyard or a DBI-SALA brand lanyard, however charges may apply depending on your selection.

Conclusion

Although we take field reports of product performance concerns very seriously, we want to reassure our customers of the following: (1) we have not had any reports of falls or injuries associated with this ANSI/CSA rated snaphook since we introduced the 9502573 model snaphook on Protecta lanyards; (2) this snaphook design is not unique to Protecta lanyards and similar snaphooks may be found on lanyards supplied by other manufacturers; (3) these snaphooks are safe to use in Protecta lanyards of other configurations(4) the 9502573 snaphook meets the requirements of OSHA 1910.66, OSHA 1926.502, ANSI A10.32, and ANSI Z359.1, have been certified under CSA Z259.11, CSA Z259.12, and EN355, and they continue to comply with all applicable standards and regulations.

Please direct any questions you may have to your Capital Safety distributor or to Capital Safety at 800-387-7484, Donna Sahlberg, Quality Manager ext. 5264, or Frank Courtemanche, VP Quality ext. 5224.

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