

## Personal Fall Protection Equipment

## Prior-to-Use Inspection Checklist

- All equipment must be inspected by the user before each use, and annually by a competent person.
- Inspect all hardware (D-rings, buckles, keepers, back-pads, snap-hooks, adjusters, thimbles, housings and eyelets) for defects (burns, breaks, distortion, sharp edges, cracks, corrosion, burrs, deformities, broken welds, missing components and improper functionality).
- Inspect all webbing and stitching for frays, bird-caging, pull-outs, cuts, excessive soiling, chemical discoloration, UV damage, abrasions, burns/heat damage and broken stitches.
- Inspect Labeling. It must be present and legible.
- Inspect energy absorbing components and impact indicators for signs of deployment (usually red in color).
- Inspect wire rope for kinks, corrosion, broken wires and separation of strands (bird-caging).
- Inspect for proper size, fit and <u>capacity</u> of harness and other system components. All buckles and connections must be made/fastened while the system in use. Completely remove harness after use.