

FIELD SAFETY ALERT

Faulty Karabiner



Be safe - not sorry 

What happened?

A worker was preparing to work from an EWP. While checking his fall arrest harness and lanyard he discovered the karabiner was difficult to operate. He freed the latch using lubricant but the latch failed to spring back into the locked position.

The worker tagged the lanyard “out of service” and returned it to his leader for follow up with the manufacturer.



The impact

If the fault with the karabiner was not picked up during inspection, there would be potential for the lanyard to detach from the worker’s harness in the event of a fall.

Learning points

- Ensure harnesses and lanyards are always inspected **prior to use**.
- The [Workplace Inspection Form F \(Personal Protective Equipment\)](#), provides detailed information on inspection of Lanyards and Harnesses.
- Engineering Technical Services are liaising with the manufacturer to identify the cause of the fault. The findings will be communicated to the field.

Action Required

Managers/Leaders to discuss the details of this Field Safety Alert with workers to ensure inspection of harnesses and lanyards is undertaken prior to use.

Any enquiries regarding this alert should be referred to Steve Milde, Operations Supervisor St Marys on 0447 835 382.