



# Safety Alert

**INCIDENT TITLE:** Failed height safety gear

**TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## INCIDENT DETAIL

A Near Miss was identified when a technician identified a Lad Saf fall arrest device that didn't close.

The technician carried out a buddy check at the start of the day and equipment was safe and ready for use. Climbed to level 1 and 2 and the equipment continued to be safe. When returning at the damper tank level the technician noted that the Lad Saf was re-used it did not click which means it had failed to close.

The technician then carried out operation checks to confirm that the Lad Saf would automatically close to no joy and then ensured the Lad Saf was closed manually before climbing.

Lad Saf was tagged out and quarantined. Replacement was provided.

Site team was reminded about the need for equipment to be checked six-monthly, monthly, daily, daily, buddy and more importantly pre-use in their toolbox talk.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Lad Saf was current for its six-monthly, monthly, daily, buddy and pre use checks.

Through good situational awareness and good working at height safety procedures by the technician a potentially fatal risk was avoided and mitigated.

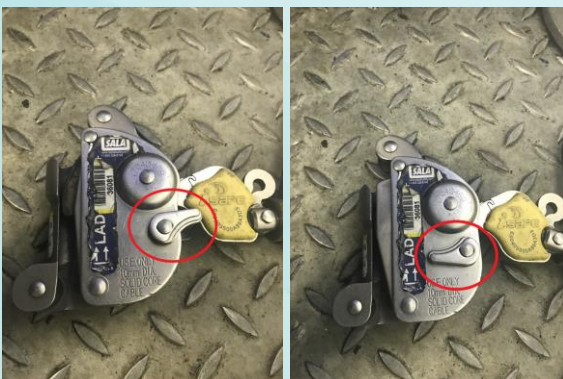
This reinforces the importance of our critical risk height controls. The function of the six-monthly, monthly, daily, buddy and in this case the **pre-use check and awareness during use**.

Meridian Wind Engineering team are leading the return of the fall arrest device back to the 3M Lad Saf NZ agent for further failure analysis.

## BEST PRACTICE

Equipment is checked every six-months, monthly, daily, buddy and **pre-use**.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Lad Saf Open

Lad Saf Closed

## IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS

Please use this near miss as a reminder of the importance of six-monthly, monthly, daily, buddy and pre-use checks.

This Safety Alert is issued by the Corporate Safety & Health Team. For further information please contact:

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