

# ASWP AA R0

## Appendix A



### Revision History

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## SAMPLE FALL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

### Arborist Life Line (Climbing Line) inspection:

Inspect for cuts, abrasion, contamination from dirt, grease, oil etc. It may be necessary to separate rope fibers for further internal inspection.

### Full body harness / climbing saddle inspection:

Inspect for worn and damaged stitching. Inspect for damaged and pulled rivets. Check webbing for cuts and excessive wear. Look for damage and excessive wear to “D” rings.

### Shock absorbing lanyard and work positioning lanyard inspection:

Evaluate lanyards for cuts and abrasion, excessive wear, safety snap function, wear and damage.

### Connecting link inspection:

Carabiners and safety snaps generally have the same components therefore inspection will be the same. Locking devices shall be checked for function wear and damage. The body of connecting links shall be examined for cracks, wear and deformities. Dry graphite lubricant is recommended for moving parts.

### Inspection of climbing spurs:

Inspect gaffs for cracks, deformities and proper attachment points. Ensure that the gaffs are sharp and properly shaped. Check pads, straps, leg irons, stirrups, and sleeves for defects and wear.

Ensure that climbers are properly adjusted and fitted.

### Ladder Inspection:

Only fiberglass or wooden ladders **shall** be used if there is any possibility of an electrical contact. Check that all rung braces are tight and that rivets are in place. Inspect the rung locks on extension ladders to ensure they move freely. Lubricate moving parts and springs. Ensure that rung locks catch over the rungs. Safety shoes must be in place and moving freely. Inspect pulley on extension ladders for function and wear. Replace parts if necessary. Defective ladders **shall** not be used.

**Note:** These inspection items are in addition to and do not replace the manufacturers' suggested inspections.