

## Inspecting Harnesses What Do I Need To Know?

### WEBBING

When checking webbing look for cuts, tears, abrasions and discolouration.

#### How should I check it?

By look and feel.

### BUCKLES

When checking buckles and adjusters look for deformation, damage such as sharp edges, corrosion, cracks and check the function.

Does it do what it should?

#### How should I check it?

By look, feel and function check.

### ATTACHMENT LINKS

Any deformation, distortion, cracks or corrosion are unacceptable.

#### How should I check it?

By look and feel.

### FITTING

Ensure you are trained in the correct use and fitting of all equipment before you use it.

#### How should I do this?

Look at the fitting instructions.

#### What if I need help?

Talk to your supervisor or supplier.

### TRACEABILITY

You need to know where the harness came from, where it has been and when it has been inspected. Can you do this?

#### How should I do it?

- Keep a record of where you purchased it from and when
- Ensure the item has an identification number
- Record all inspections in an inspection log
- Maintain all these items for scrutiny.



### STITCHING

The important stitching is identified by a contrasting colour. Look for all these areas and inspect them.

Any missing, incomplete, damaged or frayed stitching is unacceptable.

#### How should I check it?

By look and feel.

### WEB TIDIES

Are they still intact or are they missing? If they are missing they can often be replaced.

#### How should I check them?

By look, feel and check the function.

**If you do not understand what is an acceptable level of damage  
you need training!**