

Riggers Safety product service life is contingent upon the condition of the item upon thorough inspection, not the number of years in service¹. A Riggers Safety product can continue to be used as long as it passes regular inspections by a competent person. Generally, product inspections should seek to verify that the product meets current regulations and does not reveal any defects, damage, deterioration in legibility of labels/markings or other characteristics that will affect the product's performance. Inspectors should always refer to each product's specific inspection criteria outlined in its corresponding Manufacturer's Instruction Manual.

The frequency of inspections to determine the usability of the product shall be as follows:

- **Prior to Use:** OSHA and ANSI Standards require that the user or a competent or qualified person inspect the Riggers Safety harness according to the inspection guidelines as well as all subsystem components and connectors attached and/or used in conjunction with the fall protection system as per Manufacturer's Instructions.
- **At Least Annually:** ANSI/ASSE Z359.1 requires that a formal inspection of harnesses and all subsystem components and connectors be completed by a competent or qualified person other than the user at least annually. This is subject to local, state, federal and provincial law, which can require more than one inspection a year. More frequent inspections by a competent person may also be required based on the nature and severity of workplace conditions affecting the equipment and the modes of use and exposure time of the equipment. Inspection results must be logged and kept on file for reference.

IF ANY EQUIPMENT IS EXPOSED TO FALL FORCES, IT MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM SERVICE. There is an exception in the case of certain Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRLs) which may be inspected according to the Manufacturer's Instructions and serviced by Riggers Safety. Check Manufacturer's Instructions to verify which SRLs may be serviced.

If any equipment fails inspection it must be tagged as unusable and removed from service.

Activation Date: Formal product inspections must occur at least annually on the in-service or activation date recorded in the user instruction manual in the inspection and maintenance log under the inspection date column (or record/document in some manner). The activation date is defined as the time when a product is first put into actual service (initially or after service/repair).

If for whatever reason the activation date is unknown the product should immediately be formally inspected by a competent or qualified person and this date should be logged as the new activation date.

Important: When the product is not in use it must be stored in an area that is compliant with Manufacturer's Instructions regarding storage.

¹ ANSI does not specify a 5 year service life.