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WORKING AT HEIGHTS MANDATORY INSPECTIONS



We all have a duty of care to prevent injury or harm to our fellow workers, contractors and visitors. The identification of workplace hazards and implementing controls to reduce or eliminate these hazards form the basis of many workplace Standards, Regulations and Government Acts.

As we are becoming more conscious of our workplace responsibilities, there has been a significant increase in the installation of permanent “Working at Heights” equipment. This may take on the form of safety lines (or static lines), anchor points, rigid rail, vertical/ladder lines or fall protection equipment..

The installation of this Working at Heights equipment is only part of the responsibility required to meet work place safety obligations. What many are not aware of is the responsibility of maintaining this “Working at Heights” equipment in a good and serviceable condition.

Part of maintaining this includes the mandatory requirement of inspection by a competent person. It is an Australian Standard requirement that this equipment shall be inspected and, in some cases, tested, by a competent person at a minimum of 12 monthly intervals and more regularly if site conditions or state regulations dictate. Height Safety systems are also generally required to be inspected/tested with recertification, 10 years after the installation date.



**DO YOU KNOW HOW OFTEN YOUR EQUIPMENT NEEDS
TO BE VISUALLY INSPECTED AND RECERTIFIED?**



If you feel you may be breaching workplace regulations or the equipment requires inspection, contact Bullivants. Bullivants has trained, authorised and competent height safety personnel who can ensure your “Working at Heights” equipment meets or exceeds Australian Standard requirements. All inspection data is entered into the Bullivants Electronic Asset Management system which can be accessed via the secure web portal. This system provides improved traceability of your valuable assets and also advise you of due or overdue inspections.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1891.4:2009

APPLICATION	FREQUENCY
Personal equipment including harnesses, lanyards, connectors & fall arrest devices	Inspection by height safety operator before and after each use
Belts, harnesses, lanyard assemblies and associated personal equipment	6 monthly inspection by height safety equipment inspector
Permanently installed anchorages, horizontal lifelines and rails	12 monthly inspection by height safety equipment inspector, or as per State [^] regulations
Fall arrest devices such as inertia reels. Full service including dismantling where indicated.	Yearly service by specifically trained personnel*
All items of personal and common use equipment	Inspection by height safety inspector on entry or re-entry into service
All items which have been stressed as a result of a fall	Inspection by height safety inspector before further use
[^] All States, excluding NSW, require a 6 monthly inspection according to State regulations *Or as recommended by manufacturer or supplier	



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