



FALL PROTECTION

PROPER SAFETY HARNESS CLEANING

Guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19

In addition to cleaning your fall protection equipment, it is best practice to not share fall protection equipment. Each employee should be provided their own set of personal protective equipment. Wear disposable gloves when cleaning & disinfecting surfaces.

STEP 1:

Place the harness on a clean flat surface, leaving it open to visible inspection.

STEP 2:

Use a damp sponge and wipe down the harness to remove excess grime and dust.

STEP 3:

Mix a mild cleaning solution using laundry detergent or dish soap.

-DO NOT use any disinfectants that contain chlorine, bleach or other harsh chemicals.

-NEVER use gasoline or other 'drying solvents' to clean harnesses.

STEP 4:

Dip sponge into the solution and thoroughly scrub each portion of the harness until a thick lather forms.

-Dampen but DO NOT SOAK the harness.

Use a sponge dipped in CLEAN water, wipe down the harness and remove the suds and soap residue.

STEP 5:

Hang the safety harness in a cool, dry, clean environment, out of direct sunlight until completely dry.

-DO NOT use a mechanical heat dryer or expose the harness to long periods of sun-drying. Excessive heat and tumbling can damage the harness.

When cleaning multiple harnesses, hang each one separately so the harness can dry completely. Ensure you hang each harness in such a way they will not be crushed, creased or worn while drying.



Inspection and maintenance of fall protection equipment is essential. Your harness is a personal element of the fall protection system and should be inspected for signs of wear or damage prior to each use. During a thorough cleaning is also a good time to inspect the harness for damage to the webbing and hardware.



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