



# Mechanical Safety Equipment

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## Updated Self Retracting Lifeline Re-Certification Policy

To help reduce downtime related to Re-certification/Inspection of Self Retracting Lifeline, we have revised our policy to allow for customer (employer) level inspection.

Although annual factory re-certification is still the best way to ensure that your retracting lifeline is operating within original factory specification, a thorough inspection and maintenance program may be used if the following conditions are met:

- The retracting lifeline has been in your control since its last factory re-certification
- You can ensure that it has not been exposed to any conditions that would lead to excessive internal corrosion, wear or damage that may result in product failure.
- OSHA AND ANSI standards regarding maintenance and inspection have been followed.
- All instructions supplied with the retracting lifeline at the time of purchase regarding maintenance, inspection and product use have been followed.
- The unit has not been subjected to impact forces\*
- The retracting lifeline is deemed to be in good working condition by the employer appointed Competent Person.

**IMPORTANT: The unit must be returned to the factory if it is subjected to impact forces or if it does not pass user or competent person inspection.**

Both OSHA and ANSI require an inspection by the user before each use and ANSI also requires an additional inspection by a Competent Person other than the user at interval of no more than one year.

**ANSI Z359.1 6.1.3: Documentation of equipment inspections shall be maintained by the program administrator. This documentation shall include, at minimum, the identity of the equipment, inspection date, name of the competent person conducting the inspection and the result of that inspection.**

OSHA and ANSI define a Competent Person as:

One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazard in the surroundings and working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees, and who has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate such hazard.

ANSI Z359.1 E6.1.1 The purpose of two-level inspection of equipment is to provide two independent means for guarding against oversight in the detecting and controlling against the use of defective, damaged and improperly maintained equipment. If such equipment conditions are observed by the competent person's inspection, measure should be taken to provide the user with additional training or retraining in equipment inspection, maintenance, use and storage. Such observations may also suggest the need for election of alternative equipment more suitable for the conditions of use. The frequency of periodic inspections by a competent person should be established by the user's organization based upon careful consideration of relevant factors. Such factors include the nature and severity of workplace conditions affecting the equipment and modes of use and exposure time of the equipment.