



Damage to Harness

Whilst carrying out a pre-use visual inspection on his PPE, a linesman noticed that a small karabiner, used to secure his tool frog, had somehow opened, and punctured the webbing on his harness. It is unsure how this happened.

The harness was immediately withdrawn from service and following a formal inspection by a nominated Competent Person it was confirmed the harness was defective and unsuitable for further use.



Learning Points

1. Line Managers – where appropriate, brief your team on the mandatory requirement for undertaking per-use inspections when using PPE, tools, plant or work equipment.
2. Always remember to check PPE prior to use, ensuring, in line with your own company inspection regime, there are current formal inspection tags or labels fitted, and it is within the current parameters of this; it displays no signs of damage or defect, and it operates and functions as it is designed to; and that it is fit for service.
3. Following your pre-use inspection, if any item displays visible signs of damage or distress, or does not operate or function correctly, **STOP IMMEDIATELY**, remove the item from service and inform your Line Manager.
4. Ensure that all PPE and equipment is presented for formal inspection by a Competent Person in a clean and fit state, as required under your company inspection regime.

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