



Damaged Fall Protection

Incident Description: On 1-19-16 during a pre use inspection of a Self-Retracting Lifeline (SRL) an employee noticed the **RED** impact indicator on the snap hook swivel connection. The **RED** color band indicates that this SRL had been subject to impact loading typical of a fall. The jobsite had not experienced a fall and was unsure of when the system had been shock loaded. When the exposed color band **RED** is showing (as seen on the left) the SRL must be removed from service and returned to the manufacture for service and/or repair. All other SRL's on this jobsite were inspected and verified to be in good working condition.



Lessons Learned:

- ✓ Always conduct a pre use inspection on ALL fall protection equipment.
- ✓ Never assume equipment is "Ready" for use.
- ✓ If damage is found immediately remove it from service, tag it for repair and notify your supervisor.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Questioning Attitude

Use a Questioning Attitude to:

- ✓ Ensure good decisions are made prior to performing tasks
- ✓ Consider actions and assumptions from differing perspectives
- ✓ Challenge preconceptions and assumptions