



# Importance of Inspecting Equipment Before Use

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# Defective Safety Lanyard

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An Asst. Driller on the Vicksburg was putting a new DBI-SALA lanyard into service when during his **“before”** use inspection he notices that one of the lanyards was not clamped and the cable could be pulled out.







The employee immediately quarantined the lanyard, to ensure no one uses it and notified the Safety Dept.

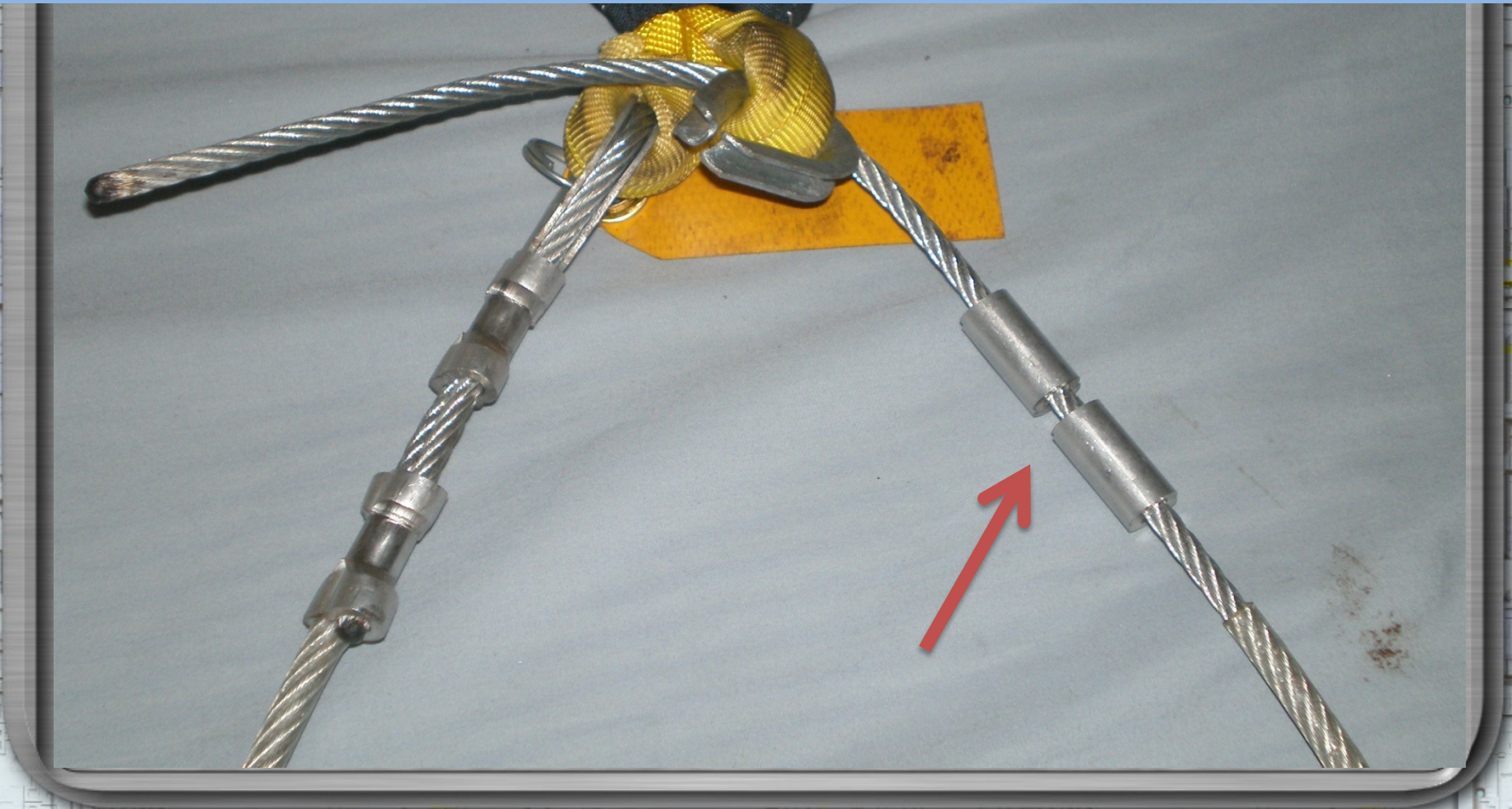



This is a good example of why we inspect our equipment, new or old, before we use it.





The lanyard was taken from the store, new package and never used. You can see where all the connections are crimped – except the 2- for the one lead (see arrow)





It would be easy to miss this defect if you conducted a rapid equipment inspection or did not inspect your equipment at all. If the time came when you needed this piece of equipment to save your life it would

**fail**

– the wire pulls free.



This is a lesson that all of use can learn from:

ATTACH THIS  
END OF SHOCK  
ABSORBER TO  
BODY SUPPORT

MUST BE READ  
INSTRUCTIONS  
BE FOLLOWED  
ONLY COMPATIBLE  
REMOVE THIS  
COULD RESULT  
AS SEEN FALL  
UGH SERVICE

MAXIMUM ELONGATION: 42    MAXIMUM ARRESTING FORCE: 900 LBS.  
MAXIMUM FREE FALL: 6 FT    CAPACITY: 310 LBS MAX.    NYLON/POLYESTER WEB CONSTRUCTION

**PRODUCT COMPLIANCE**

THIS PRODUCT COMPLIES WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS ONLY IF MARKED WITH THE CORRESPONDING LETTER CODE UNDER "STDS" SECTION BELOW. A = ANSI Z359.1  
B = OSHA C = ANSI A10.32-2004 D = ASTM F887-2004 E =

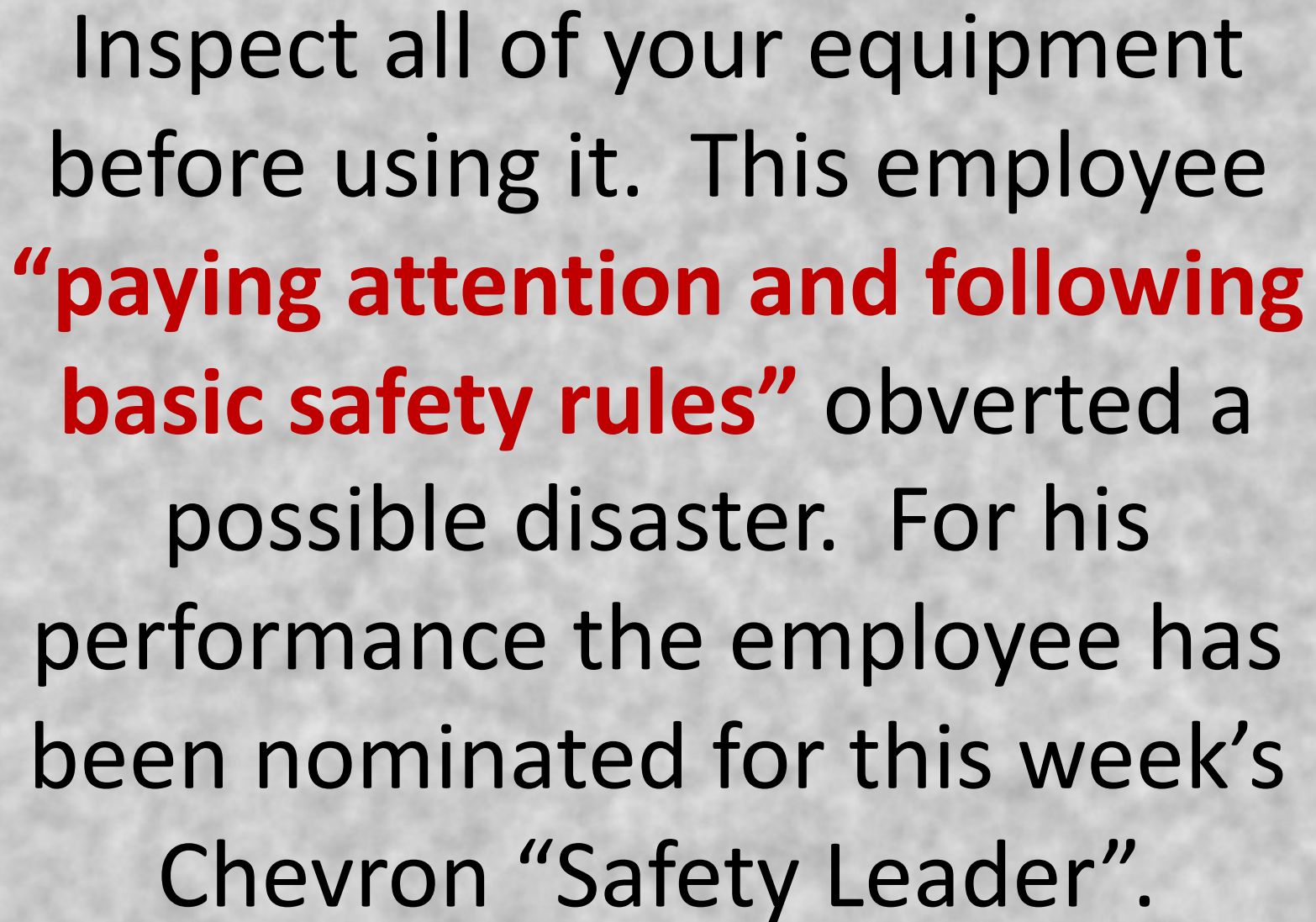
**MFRD**(YR/MO):    **LOT**:    **MODEL NO**:    **LENGTH**(FT):    **STDS**:

0701    13053701    1220804    6    A,B

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“Just because a piece of equipment is new – it does not make it safe”.





Inspect all of your equipment before using it. This employee **“paying attention and following basic safety rules”** averted a possible disaster. For his performance the employee has been nominated for this week’s Chevron “Safety Leader”.