

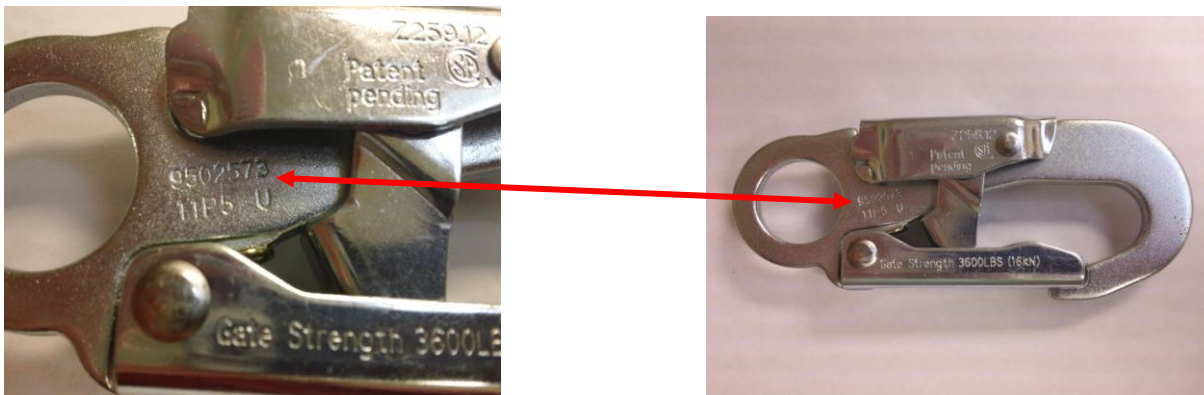
**PROTECTA SHOCK ABSORBING TWIN-LEG LANYARDS**

**REVISED RECALL NOTICE**

Capital Safety previously identified a reported inadvertent disconnection during use of the locking snaphook used in a series of “Y-shaped” Protecta lanyards with twin lanyard legs that both attach directly to the eye of the snaphook (part number 9502573) where it attaches to a harness d-ring. The affected lanyards may look similar to the following:



**The snaphook # 9502573 used in affected twin-leg lanyards is identified as follows:**



The recall includes all lanyards manufactured with snaphook # 9502573 between the manufacturing dates set out below. Manufacture date is marked on the product label of each lanyard as: **MFRD (YR/MO)**

**This revised recall includes snaphooks in twin-leg lanyards with these part numbers:**

- 1330160 – FIRST Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard - mfg dates of March 2009 to Sept 2009
- 1330161 – FIRST Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard - mfg dates of Sept 2009 to Feb 2011

- AE57830 – FIRST Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard - mfg dates of Dec 2007 to Aug 2008
- AE57831 – FIRST Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard - mfg dates of Dec 2007 to April 2009

Note: The AE57831 lanyard may have been part of the Promo Kits 1199977, 8, 9 sold between March, 2008 to Sept.2008.

The recall still covers previously identified lanyards or kits with the following part numbers manufactured between July 2010 and October 31, 2011:

1340141 – Pro Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard  
1340161 – Pro Stretch Shock Absorbing Lanyard

1340240 – Pro Stop Shock Absorbing Lanyard  
1340250 – Pro Stop Shock Absorbing Lanyard

1199977 – Protecta Promo Kit  
1199978 – Protecta Promo Kit  
1199979 – Protecta Promo Kit

2199817 – Compliance In A Can Light  
2199818 – Compliance In A Can Light

### **The Situation**

In a particular configuration when the twin lanyard legs are pulled upwards simultaneously and the snaphook gets compressed against the d-ring, the combination of forces acting on both the locking mechanism and the gate opening of the snaphook may cause the snaphook to disconnect from the d-ring. (See photo below)



The identified reason for the inadvertent disconnection is the combination of a particular style locking snaphook together with twin elastic lanyard legs attached directly to the eye of the snaphook. Although there have been no reported falls or injuries associated with the use of this configuration lanyard, CS is committed to the safety of every worker at height using our products and we are determined to resolve any potential for inadvertent disconnection to occur for the reason described above.



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## **The Solution**

Capital Safety has determined that the appropriate solution to the identified issue is a combination of (a) an alternate snaphook and (b) a single lanyard connection to the eye of the snaphook. Accordingly, we have engineered a new version of the affected lanyards to take into account what we have learned about the combination of components on the Protecta shock-absorbing lanyards.

Distributors that have purchased the affected products will be notified of this recall and will in turn notify their customers. Upon notification, if you have twin leg Protecta lanyards with snaphook # 9502573 as identified in above photographs, you should immediately take the lanyard(s) out of service and contact your Capital Safety Distributor or Capital Safety Customer Service department at 800-328-6146 (prompt #1) to obtain a "QA" number for the return of the lanyard(s) and to be provided with a new Protecta lanyard at Capital Safety's expense. The free lanyard applies only if the returned lanyard is in proper working condition as determined by Capital Safety; if not, charges may apply. Alternatively, you may request a different style Protecta lanyard or a DBI-SALA brand lanyard, however charges may apply depending on your selection.

## **Conclusion**

Although we take field reports of product performance concerns very seriously, we want to reassure our customers of the following: (1) we have not had any reports of falls or injuries associated with this ANSI/CSA rated snaphook since we introduced the 9502573 model snaphook on Protecta lanyards; (2) this snaphook design is not unique to Protecta lanyards and similar snaphooks may be found on lanyards supplied by other manufacturers; (3) these snaphooks are safe to use in Protecta lanyards of other configurations(4) the 9502573 snaphook meets the requirements of OSHA 1910.66, OSHA 1926.502, ANSI A10.32, and ANSI Z359.1, have been certified under CSA Z259.11, CSA Z259.12, and EN355, and they continue to comply with all applicable standards and regulations.

Based on the safety record of our products coupled with our rigorous manufacturing and certification testing, we have complete confidence in the safety of the new Protecta Pro Stretch and Pro Stop lanyard solutions.

Please direct any questions you may have to your Capital Safety distributor or by contacting Capital Safety Customer Service at 800-328-6146 (prompt #1).

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