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Equipment For People
Working In High Locations

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Outlined below in red, are the changes Buckingham has included in our P/N 483 / 484 Series 'Instructions/Warnings' in response to a reported incident. The incident involved an individual working in a blizzard who adjusted his brown strap and upon leaning back reported the brown strap slipped. The slippage did not cause the individual to fall. It was noted by company representatives that the unit functioned as intended the next day leading to an assumption that snow and ice probably caused the unit to slip. Testing by Buckingham confirmed this could occur under extreme conditions.

INSPECTION:

Prior to use, carefully inspect equipment for indications of wear and / or deterioration. The inspection should include, but not be limited to the following:

- all straps are free from **obstructions including** kinks, knots, cuts, cracks, burns, abrasions, broken strands, excessive wear, chemical exposure **and ice, mud, snow, etc. buildup. If buildup on straps or component assemblies is noted, remove buildup. One method of removal from the straps is to run the 'Cam Buckle' along the length of the outer (brown) strap or the 'Friction Buckle' along the length of the inner (woven) strap. Ensure component assemblies are clean and free of any debris.**

NOTE: Prior To and While in Use, particularly in extreme weather conditions (i.e. blizzards, high winds, etc.) - guard against debris (pebbles, twigs, packed snow, ice, mud, etc.) becoming lodged in any of the component assemblies as well as any build up on the straps, as debris / buildup could block or restrict proper function. If noted, ensure unit is cleared. Test for slippage by connecting and properly adjusting the BuckSqueeze to the pole and your body belt. While grasping the pole, shift your weight into the BuckSqueeze. The BuckSqueeze should cinch tightly around the pole verifying its adequacy for ascent or descent.

As with any item requiring maintenance, including Fall Protection Equipment, the user must take responsibility to make common sense checks before and during use. As an example, tire pressure in a vehicle must be maintained to reduce the potential of a blowout. Personal protection equipment, in addition to the norm inspection prior to and while in use, must be checked for obstructions that may prevent the equipment from performing its intended function, especially during inclement weather.

Please contact Buckingham Customer Service at 1-800-937-2825 or email 'sales@buckinghammfg.com' should you have questions regarding the aforementioned items of clarification.

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