



HARNESS ATTACHMENT FAILURE

This Issue 02 of bulletin B311 contains an additional hyperlink which opens a technical notice.
Page three of the notice states the required torque setting when installing the attachment bridges.

OVERVIEW

An Arborist working at height for another DNO, narrowly avoided a fall from height, when their harness suffered a malfunction to the bridge. One of the pins that secures the bridge in position came loose and the pin dropped away. This allowed the bridge to pull through compromising the safe points of attachment (see picture below left).

DETAIL

The arborist was using a new **PETZL SEQUOIA** harness whilst climbing the conifer (below centre) to carry out pruning works, when the bridge malfunctioned. The arborist was able to descend safely to the ground. **Note the absence of the black pin in the gold gated attachment point (below right).** Petzl are investigating the failure and we are awaiting their findings.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Immediate recorded check of all Petzl harnesses by operative and followed up by competent person, recording condition and serial number of harness inspected (next 7 days).
- Always carry out your pre-use checks on all working at height equipment.
- Familiarise yourself with the Technical Guidance for all your WAH equipment.
- Immediately remove from service any identified damaged equipment and notify your supervisor.
- Report all failures of working at height equipment to AIRLine.



[Petzl - Harness inspection procedure](#)

[Petzl - Harness instructions](#)

[Petzl - How to ensure screws are properly tightened](#)

[Petzl - Harness Technical Notice](#)

Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	x	1 week	2 weeks	1 month
Additional communication (X)		Learning points	1 st 15	X Team Brief slide

Line management must ensure appropriate employees understand the content of this document within the timescale shown.
This document is subject to compliance audits after the communication deadline.