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Choke Strap – Webbing Damage

While a Choke Strap (pole choking lanyard) recently supplied by Safety Technology Ltd (STL) was being used to climb a wood pole its black webbing strap suffered a tear. The tear was heard by the climber who safely descended the pole where the strap was examined and found to be torn where it passes through the metal adjustable buckle.

Other Choke Straps that had been supplied at the same time were examined and a large proportion were found to also exhibit small cuts (1-2mm) at the edge of the webbing strap at the same position where it passes through the adjustable buckle.



All climbers who use the red and black STL Choke Strap shall therefore check their equipment with particular attention to the condition of the webbing strap in proximity to the buckles.

Any Choke Strap found to exhibit any damage such as shown above shall be withdrawn from service and quarantined locally until a replacement can be provided by the supplier.

In addition all staff issued with personal fall protection equipment are reminded of the requirement for them to carry out checks as set out in ST:HS7A/9 prior to its use.

STL and the manufacturer of the Choke Strap are working to identify the cause of this damage and arrangements for the replacement of faulty units will be made as soon as possible.