INSPECTION NOTICE — CHEST STRAP ADJUSTERS

Capital Safety has received reports that the plastic chest strap adjuster used in a very limited number of Delta and Exofit harnesses manufactured between November 2012 and April 2013 may break under load.

The chest strap adjuster is used only to hold the chest strap in place and a broken adjuster does not pose a safety hazard to the user of the harness provided the harness is properly adjusted as set out in the user manual. There have been no reported falls or injuries associated with this issue. Please see an example of proper adjustment on page 2 of this Notice.

Only harnesses manufactured between November 2012 and April 2013 are subject to this Notice. The manufactured date can be found on the harness label and is identified as MFRD YR/MN. For example, “12/11” indicates 2012/November and “13/4” indicates 2013/April. Harnesses manufactured before November 2012 or after May 1, 2013, are not subject to this condition or this Notice.

Capital Safety would like to remind end users to inspect their equipment before each use. As stated in our user manuals: “Inspect harness hardware (buckles, D-rings, back pad, loop keepers). These items must not be damaged, broken…”

Although this condition does not create a safety issue, we are proud of our reputation as a leader in the industry and we will honor Capital Safety’s lifetime warranty that our products are free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service. Accordingly, we will replace or repair at no charge any harness with a broken adjuster. If you find a harness with this condition, please contact your distributor who will arrange to return the harness to Capital Safety. We will inspect returned units and repair or replace them as set out in our warranty policy.

Please direct any questions you may have to Donna Sahlberg, North American Quality Manager, or to Frank Courtemanche, VP of Global Quality. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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EXAMPLE OF PROPER HARNESS ADJUSTMENT

1. Locate back D-ring held in position by the D-ring pad. Lift up harness by back D-ring. Ensure straps are not tangled and hang freely.
2. Insert one arm into shoulder strap of harness and slip free arm into harness. Position shoulder straps on top of shoulder. When worn properly, the chest strap buckle will be positioned on the front chest side with the front D-ring (if present) attached to the chest strap, and the back D-ring will be centered between the shoulder blades.
3. Adjust the leg straps to a snug fit.
4. Adjust the waist belt (if present) to a snug fit.
5. Adjust the shoulder straps to a snug fit. The left and right sides of shoulder straps should be adjusted to the same length. Center the retrieval D-rings (if present) on top of each shoulder.
6. The chest strap should be centered on the chest, six inches down from the shoulders.

All adjustment points should be tightened to provide a snug fit.