



Fall Protection

3M Pre-Engineered Horizontal Lifeline Systems and the Qualified Person Involvement

This Technical Bulletin is intended to address and explain OSHA's requirements regarding the involvement of a Qualified Person when using pre-engineered Horizontal Lifeline Systems. This is an overview only and you should refer to your local, state, regional and federal requirements as they pertain to your specific workplace environment and application.

3M Fall Protection advises that the regulatory requirements defined by the OSHA regulations listed here must be adhered to for the installation and use of all 3M pre-engineered horizontal lifeline systems.

- OSHA 1910.140(c)(11)(i) "The employer must ensure that each horizontal lifeline: Is designed, installed, and used under the supervision of a qualified person"
- **Qualified Person definition:**
 - Describes a person who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project. Reference OSHA 1910.140 (b). See also OSHA 1926.32 (m)
- 3M pre-engineered HLL's including 3M™ DBI-SALA® EZ-Line™, 3M™ DBI-SALA® Sayflin™, 3M™ DBI-SALA® SecuraSpan™, and 3M™ PROTECTA™ Web HLL systems are required to be installed and used under the supervision of a qualified person, (reference OSHA 1910.140(c)(11)(i)), as part of a complete personal fall arrest system that maintains a safety factor of a least two, (reference OSHA 1910.140(c)(11)(ii)).
- 3M pre-engineered HLL's have been designed, tested and certified by 3M to meet the performance requirements defined by OSHA. It is the responsibility of the employer to identify their own qualified person who will supervise the installation and use of an appropriately selected horizontal lifeline system for the employer's specific workplace application.

3M Fall Protection remains committed to providing high quality products and services to our customers. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this technical bulletin, please contact our Technical Service department immediately at 800-328-6146.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Refer to the 3M *User Instructions* provided with your product for additional information.

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