



Life Expectancy of Miller® Brand Harnesses and Lanyards

ANSI A10.32-2004 states the service life of fall protection equipment manufactured of synthetic fiber shall be 5 years unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

Miller Fall Protection acknowledges the ANSI standard and the 5 year life as a **general guideline** that is not to be used in lieu of the inspection and maintenance criteria outlined in the instructions that accompany each unit. This guideline only applies to product exhibiting no visual damage and that has not been exposed to chemicals, abnormal heat, or excessive ultra-violet light. It is possible that the equipment will last longer depending on the care and use the equipment may see.

Each harness and lanyard shipped by Miller is accompanied by specific instructions for use, inspection, and cleaning that must be understood and followed. Miller requires all fall protection products, including harnesses and lanyards be visually inspected prior to use and regularly inspected by a *Competent Person*, such as defined by OSHA (Occupational Health & Safety Administration) or CSA (Canadian Standards Association). When not in use, products should be stored at room temperature away from chemicals, moisture and ultra-violet light.

Following these instructions may still necessitate removing the harness or lanyard from service prior to the expiration of the five-year life expectancy guideline, due to the normal wear and tear of everyday use. Likewise, proper adherence to the inspection and maintenance criteria may extend the useful life beyond five years. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the end-user to determine when a harness or lanyard is unfit for use and should be removed from service. Products removed from service should be disposed of in a manner that prevents inadvertent further use.

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