

Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Properly adjusting your harness can make all the difference Safety Message

A snug fit means a safe fit

While some workers mistakenly prefer loose fitting, full-body harnesses for comfort, harness designs require a snug fit to prevent serious injury in the event of a fall. Placement and connection of the chest strap, leg straps, back strap and D-ring critically affect harness fit and safety. Chest straps are a critical component and must withstand fall forces without tearing or breaking during a fall. If a chest strap is not fastened properly, it can slide up around a worker's neck after a fall.

How can you test if your harness is properly adjusted?

Tighten or loosen the webbing through the harness' buckles to get a snug fit. The safety harness should not hinder your range of motion. Check the adjustment of each leg strap by placing your hand flat and sliding your fingers beneath the strap. Your fingers should fit snugly between the strap and your leg