



# Fall prevention equipment compliance

Anchors, static lines, harnesses and ladders

There's only one way to be sure your roof anchors, static lines and harnesses are ready to save a life. And, by law, roof anchors and static lines need to be tested and recertified every six to 12 months, depending on your state.

Appropriately qualified and competent technicians must carry out the tests and the results recorded so WorkCover inspectors can verify your equipment's status.

The requirements are in tandem with those of the Work Health and Safety Act for Persons Conducting a Business Undertaking (PCBU) and company officers to carry out "due diligence" and ensure workplaces are safe.

### Be sure of your testing and recertification

Your inspections and certification can deliver so much more than a tick-list.

### Proof of your compliance

Whenever your risk management systems come under scrutiny, you'll be prepared. Certified anchorage points are individually tagged on site.

Workplace Wing's auditors photograph and catalogue the status of each system component to build an electronic database that makes compliance reporting effortless. You can even log into your asset register online for fast, accurate real-time reporting.

### Make existing anchors and static lines compliant

If your anchors are not already matched with certification documents and compliance plates, Workplace Wing can bring them into compliance. We will provide testing, certification, compliance plates and user manuals.

### Routine testing to maintain compliance

Each anchor and the static line system must be inspected. Chemically set and friction set anchors must be tested to 50% of their load limits. The cable of the static line needs to be load tested every six to 12 months, depending on your state's regulations.

*"Workplace Access & Safety went through our competitive tendering process and their price, together with their methodology, won them the tender. I'm glad they did because their knowledge and skills are good. They surveyed about 100 buildings for us and overall, they did a good job. They are very good and I would recommend them to anyone."*

- G. Gunachandran, Building Facilities Co-ordinator, Fairfield City Council

### Design check to avoid disaster

The correct layout is critical to the performance of safety anchors and static lines. Too close to the edge and your people risk the lethal pendulum effect, too far from the edge and gutters are inaccessible. Workplace Wing will design and assess your fall prevention positioning for user-friendly and safe operation to ensure that the "restraint technique" can be applied.

### Rescue plans that comply and really work

If the unthinkable happens and somebody falls from your roof, every moment counts. Even in a harness, there's only 10 to 15 minutes before the potentially lethal suspension trauma takes its toll. Ask Workplace Wing for a rescue plan that complies with fall prevention standards and could save a life.

### Documentation done!

Streamline your administration with fall prevention documentation and a roof access permit written by Workplace Wing. User manuals, site induction, roof layout plans and roof access permits will have your administration in order quickly and efficiently – everything you need for mandatory contractor inductions!

### National service for consistent compliance

Workplace Wing's own OHS-trained trades-people service sites right around Australia, so you can standardise – and simplify – your safety management while being guaranteed a professional approach to every one of your sites.



### Systematic and cost-effective

Because fall prevention is Workplace Wing's specialty, your anchor and static line inspection will be conducted with efficiency and care.

Automated data capture technology means our height safety experts can provide you with accurate and detailed reports in the shortest possible turnaround times.

### Database and automatic scheduling tools

To keep you on top of compliance, Workplace Wing provides a reminder service that alerts you to important dates and keeps your systems up to date.

### Everything you need in fall prevention

Workplace Wing has you covered when it comes to safe work at heights: ask about our ladder inspections, risk assessment, audits and installations.

Workplace Wing: OHS purity, transparency and real practicality.



### What to watch out for: six common failure points

#### 1. Designed and positioned incorrectly

The right equipment needs to be in the right configuration to save lives. For example: don't allow abseil and fall prevention anchors to be confused. Do a design check.

#### 2. System not certified

Components not identifiable and no history of product or installers, no load rating information.

#### 3. Designed for fall arrest

A technique of work positioning rather than fall arrest must be arranged wherever practicable. Workplace Wing investigates safer, low cost measures that may even avoid roof access.

#### 4. Equipment not matched to users

Consider the resources and skills of the people using the equipment. A vertical ladder line may suit a telecommunications environment where two riggers are working, trained in rescue and doing this on a daily basis. Not so for a school where teachers or grounds staff climb on the roof to retrieve balls. We'll consult and provide solutions that suit your site and people.

#### 5. Untrained supervisors

Are your people equipped to supervise the management of the system, including the induction of contractors? We will train your people and provide them with the systems they need.

#### 6. Incorrect installation

Safety anchors look like glorified eyebolts but need to save lives. Incorrectly fixed or oriented anchors can fail with tragic consequences. Talk to us to get it right.