

# Hydro Tasmania

## SAFETY BRIEF

### Life Safety Equipment Damage

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Action Required?	Yes		

#### Summary

Recently two hazards/incidents have been reported highlighting damage to life safety equipment used for work at height. Pre-start checks identified:

1. Retracting lanyard fall indicator had been activated suggesting a fall had occurred or the device had been subjected to a significant loading/force.
2. R550 rescue device had damage to the rope. The rope was showing signs of contamination with discoloration and reports of an oily feel.

#### Photos

Self-retracting lanyard (SRL) fall indicator on connector showing red indicator.



R550 rescue device rope damage. Rope is also excessively oily/dirty (original colour is white).



## Message/Toolbox Topic

### Reminder:

- Complete pre-start checks to highlight any equipment faults.
- Life safety equipment should only be used for life safety purposes. e.g. R550 is designed by manufacturer for descent and rescue hauling not for hauling of tools and equipment.
- Life rescue equipment is for rescue purposes only (or practice/training).
- Any damaged equipment should be tagged out of service, reported, and steps taken to check and repair.