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**URGENT SAFETY ADVICE- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

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**SB080729 – Wire rope lanyard/CDD failure**

GMJ has become aware of a recent incident where a wire rope lanyard used in conjunction with a controlled descent device (CDD) failed in use. We understand the circumstances are still under investigation and unable to comment on the exact cause.

CDD's are either mounted directly to the basket via dedicated attachment hardware or indirectly via a wire rope lanyard.

The wire rope lanyards supplied by GMJ for use in conjunction with the CDD are supplied as a tested assembly and are supplied in predetermined lengths.

Under no circumstances should the lanyard be adjusted or altered.

The CDD assembly should be inspected at three monthly intervals and immediately before use if circumstances permit. The swaged ferrule should be checked for cracks in the material, wire breaks in the vicinity of the ferrule and possible slippage between the ferrule and the rope. Should the lanyard or any other component of the CDD assembly become worn or damaged, the affected components must be replaced.

We advise that if any doubt exists regarding the condition or suitability of the rope assembly, the affected components should be replaced.

Please do not hesitate to contact GMJ Equipment if more information is required.

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