

## Service & Inspection Periods of 3M Self Retracting Lifelines & Type 2/3 Devices

Service and inspections of 3M Fall Protection Self Retracting Lifelines (SRLs) is an important part of an effective safety program. The frequency of the servicing and inspections as well as who should perform these activities are critical issues.

To ensuring the ongoing safe use of these products, servicing and inspections shall be completed at the below intervals as recommended in Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1891.4 specifically relating to Self Retracting Lifelines (SRLs).

1. Inspection by the user before and after use
2. Inspection by a height safety equipment inspector<sup>1</sup> every 6 months
3. Service by a height safety equipment inspector<sup>1</sup> as recommended by the manufacturer to a maximum of 5 yearly, 12 monthly in absence of such recommendations.

3M Fall Protection as the manufacturer of DBI-SALA and Protecta Self Retracting Lifelines (SRLs) recommends the following.

### Serviceable Devices Inspection

1. Inspection by the user before and after use as per the specific User Instruction Manual
2. Inspection by a height safety equipment inspector<sup>1</sup> every 6 months as per the specific User Instruction Manual

## Service

3M Fall Protection requires a product to be serviced by an authorised service agent<sup>2</sup> if:

1. The product has failed an inspection
2. The product is damaged
3. The product has been involved in a fall event
4. The product reaches 5 years since the previous service

### Non-Serviceable Devices Inspection

1. Inspection by the user before and after use as per the specific User Instruction Manual.
2. Inspection by a height safety equipment inspector<sup>1</sup> every 6 months as per the specific User Instruction Manual.
3. Provide the product passes inspection it may remain in service for a maximum of 5 years
4. If the product reaches 5 years of service it must be then be removed from service and destroyed

Service and Inspection periods (intervals) should be reduced where a product is exposed to environmental hazards. Hazards may include, but are not limited to; heat, chemicals, corrosive environments, high voltage power lines, gases, moving machinery, and sharp edges.



<sup>1</sup>**Height Safety Equipment Inspector** – a person who is competent in the skills needed to detect faults in height safety equipment and to determine remedial action. All inspections are to be documented.

<sup>2</sup>**Authorised Service Agent** – a person who is authorised by 3M Fall Protection to conduct inspections and servicing/repairs of 3M nominated product.