



Anchorage Point & Installation

An anchorage point is a secured point of attachment for a lifeline or lanyard. It's an essential part of a fall protection system i.e., harness, rope, equipment, device, etc. designed to restrain worker who's at risk of falling or stop them if they've fallen.



Things to Consider

When selecting your anchor, think of your Right to Know, & consider the following:

Where's it located? What's the fall clearance?

- * A qualified & competent person should identify anchorage points. Where possible it should be overhead and must be situated in a way that would avoid swinging into objects if you fell.
- * Fall Clearance is critical to avoid injury or worse in the event of a fall. Do you have adequate clearance between your work area and the next lower, equipment or machinery, or any other obstruction.

Is it certified? Non-certified?

- * Certified meaning it's designed by an engineer or rigid specifications; OR,
- * Non-certified meaning it's judged by a competent person & capable to withstand fall forces.

Do you need an anchorage connector?

- * These are attached around or to an anchorage point i.e., eyebolts, roof anchors, beam straps.

How to install it?

- * Review and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for installation, use, inspection i.e., use the proper screws as indicated in the manufacturer's instructions.

Can it withstand the force of a fall?

- * Secure points for attachment & they must be rated for at least 5000lbs of force (22kn). Think of it being able to hold up a pick-up truck.

Things NOT suitable for anchor points - guardrails on frame scaffolding, roof stacks, vents or fans; ladders or ladder rungs; and ductwork or pipe vents.



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