

Safety Alert

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Snaphook Failure

Communication Expectation: All First Line Supervisors must review and reinforce information and expectations with their crews.

Information:

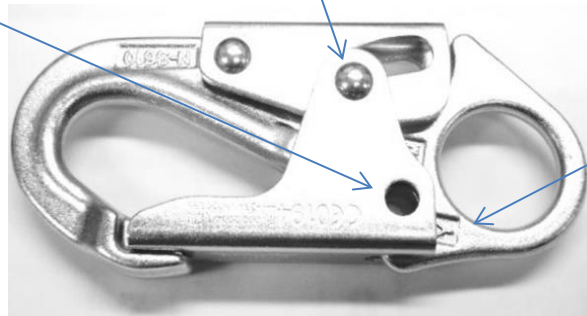
PRODUCT NOTICE — SNAPHOOKS

Capital Safety is aware of an assembly issue with snaphooks manufactured by a supplier. These snaphooks are widely used components in fall protection products. The issue concerns missing or improperly installed rivets (see photograph below). The manufacturer symbol is a stamped “Y” as shown in the photograph.

Example of missing rivet

Rivet in place

“Y” symbol



The picture above is a representative model snaphook – other models are also affected.

The link to the supplier’s “Product Notification” is: <http://www.yoke.net/english/index.asp>

Capital Safety has verified that the supplier implemented an appropriate corrective action program.

We want to remind users to conduct a pre-use inspection of all fall protection safety equipment prior to use as per instructions in the user manuals. If a missing or incompletely installed rivet is identified in a snaphook on a Capital Safety product, the product should be removed from service, tagged with a defective tag and returned to Tool Facility at the SFC for collection. They will then be sent for replacement under warranty. (See figure 1 & 2 below.)



Figure 1: Loose rivet may protrude from hook.



Figure 2: Loose rivet can separate from hook

Questions or concerns: Please contact your local safety professional or a member of the Electric Utilities Tool and Equipment Committee.