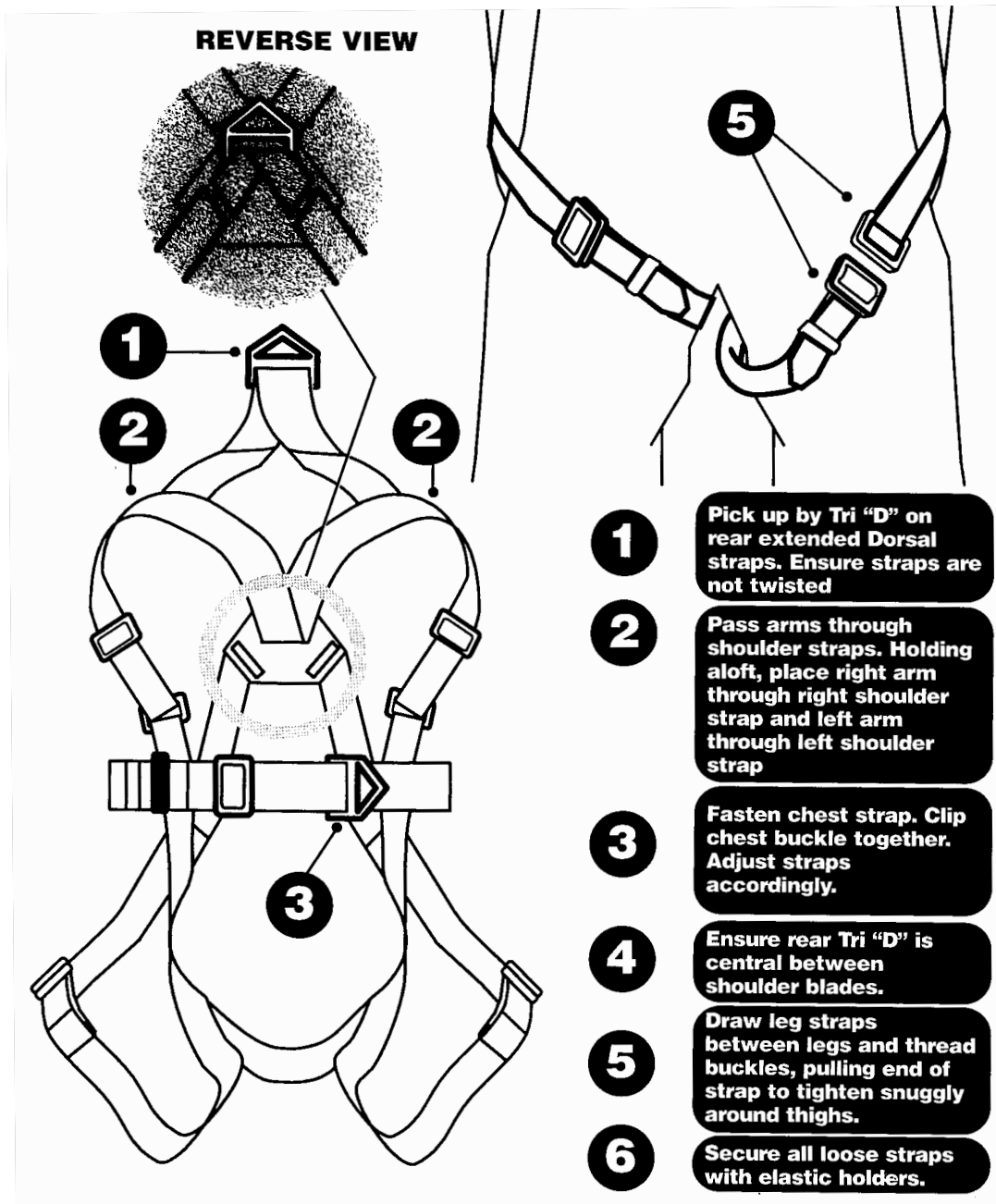


Rescue Harness General Instructions

WARNING! The following instructions must be carried out as stated to avoid injury or damage to the equipment.

Conforms to BS EN 361 : 1993 and BS EN 1497 : 1996

Fitting Instructions



Inspection Check List Overleaf



Inspection

It is the full responsibility of the end user to carry out a visual inspection of the Harness prior to **every use**. During an inspection, if there is any doubt on the serviceability of any component part of the harness it **must** be withdrawn from service **immediately**. You must contact Ant Hire to arrange for the harness to be exchanged. **NEVER ATTEMPT TO REPAIR ANY EQUIPMENT YOURSELF.**

Inspection Checklist

Webbing

Check all webbing thoroughly. There must be no evidence of fraying, tears, cuts, burns, mould, discoloration or chemical attack.

Stitching

Every stitch pattern should be examined carefully. There must be no evidence of broken stitches, loosening, pulling or cuts.

Buckles

All buckles and 'D' rings must be totally free from rust pitting, distortion cracks or excessive wear. Moving parts such as sliding buckles should move freely.

Storage

Store in a cool, dry place that is not subject to direct heat or sunlight. Ensure that no excessive strain, pressure, heat or humidity is exposed to the equipment. Wet or damp equipment should be allowed to dry naturally.

Chemical Attack

Avoid all contact with chemicals and immediately remove the affected product from service. Oil, grease, creosote and paint stains are harmful. Other forms of chemicals can be identified by the softening of the webbing or fibres and powdering in extreme cases. Mineral acids will cause RAPID weakening. If you have any doubts, do not use and return to Ant Hire to be exchanged.

Safety

DO NOT

- Do not anchor to a structure that itself could fall i.e. a free standing ladder or other loose structure.
- Do not use an anchorage point that will not take a shock load of 1000 kg.
- Do use an anchorage point that is located below the point of attachment to your harness.
- Do not use waist connection points on your harness for Fall Arrest. Waist connection points are for working positioning or restraint only.
- Do not loop lanyards around structures with sharp edges. Never if less than 5 mm or 7/32" radius edge.
- Do not use any Fall arrest equipment without reading both the user manual and individual product fitting instructions.
- Do not use any Fall Arrest Equipment without familiarisation training, and if possible practical training.
- Do not mix different manufacturers products into your Fall Arrest System without checking and confirming their capability.
- Do not use any Fall Arrest products that are showing signs of wear and tear . Return for formal inspection.
- If you have any doubts on any equipment do not use.

DO

- Carry out a full visual inspection of your Fall Arrest System every time before use.
- Make sure that every part of your Fall Arrest System is fully compatible.
- Use an anchorage that is located directly above the working position.
- Use approved permanent anchorage points that have been built or installed by professionals.
- Use only attachment hooks that are recommended by supplier. They have been thoroughly tested, approved and are compatible.
- Always ensure that the closing bar on the Karabiner hook is locked shut. Kwicklok types do this automatically but should still be checked. Screwgate types must be screwed home manually and checked by applying pressure against the closing bar.
- Make sure that the space that you would travel through in the event of a fall is free from protrusions and hazards.
- Ensure that your harness is fitted as close to your body as is comfortable to prevent it's upward movement in the event of a fall.
- Only use compatible ancillary equipment.

