How often do I need to recertify my fall protection products?

We’ve put together a list of certification and inspection frequency requirements based on the manufacturer’s recommendations.

**DBI / SALA / CAPITAL SAFETY**

The following information describes the normal servicing, recertification and inspection requirements for the DBI/SALA products. Consult the user instruction manuals for complete details and information. Consult DBI/SALA for requirements relating to equipment used under special circumstances.

- **SELF RETRACTING LIFELINES (SRL), CLIMB ASSIST SYSTEMS**
  - DBI/SALA and ANSI require the product to be inspected at least annually by a Competent Person. Extreme conditions of use may require increasing inspection frequency. (In Canada, CSA requires SRL’s to be serviced within two years of mfg. date, thereafter annually)
  - Before each use, DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI require SRL’s to be inspected (by the user).
  - After an impact, the SRL must be removed from service (per DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI) and inspected. Servicing may be required.

- **WINCHES**
  - DBI/SALA recommends that Salalift I and II winches be serviced and recertified every year. Extreme working conditions may require increasing the frequency.
  - On a monthly basis, DBI/SALA recommends that a competent person other than the user formally inspect the winches.
  - Before each use, DBI/SALA requires winches to be inspected (by the user).
  - After an impact, the winch must be removed from service and inspected. Servicing may be required.

- **RESCUE POSITIONING DEVICES (RPD’S)**
  - DBI/SALA recommends that RPD’s be serviced and recertified every year. Extreme working conditions may require increasing the frequency.
  - On a monthly basis, DBI/SALA recommends that a competent person other than the user formally inspect the RPD.
  - Before each use, DBI/SALA requires the RPD to be inspected (by the user).

- **RESCUMATIC CONTROLLED DESCENT DEVICE**
  - DBI/SALA recommends that Rescumatics have maintenance check performed every 6 months by the user.
  - On a monthly basis, DBI/SALA recommends that the Rescumatic be formally inspected by a competent person other than the user.

- **LAD SAF LADDER SAFETY SYSTEM**
  - DBI/SALA requires the Lad Saf system (including sleeve) by inspected at least annually by a competent person.
  - Before each use, DBI/SALA and OSHA require the system to be inspected (by the user).
  - After an impact, the entire system (including the sleeve) shall be inspected by a competent person.

- **TRIPODS/DAVIT ARMS /SUPPORT STRUCTURES**
* DBI/SALA requires at least a **monthly inspection** by a competent person.
* Before each use, DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI require an inspection (by the user).
* After an impact, remove the product from service and inspect. Servicing may be required.

**LOAD ARRESTORS**
* DBI/SALA requires the load arrestors to be serviced and recertified **every two years**.
  Extreme working conditions may require increasing the servicing frequency.
* Annually, a competent person should inspect the units.
* After an impact, the load arrestor must be removed from service and returned to a repair center for service/recertification.

**HARNESSES/LANYARDS /POSITIONING EQUIPMENT /ROPE GRABS, ANCHORAGE CONNECTORS**
* DBI/SALA and ANSI require the product to be inspected at least **annually** by a competent person.
* Before each use, DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI require an inspection (by the user).
* After an impact, the product must be removed from service (per DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI).

**TEMPORARY HORIZONTAL LIFELINE SYSTEM**
* DBI/SALA requires the system to be inspected **annually** by a qualified person. Extreme working conditions may require increasing the service frequency.
* Before each use, and after installation, a qualified person shall inspect the system.
* After an impact, the system must be removed from service (per DBI/SALA, OSHA and ANSI) or returned to the factory for inspection and/or repair.

**Miller**
Sperian Fall Protection manufactures several Miller brand Self-Retracting Lifelines (SRL’s). All of the SRLs come with an Instruction and Warning brochure that explains how to properly use and inspect each model. The policy for recertifying the units differs from model to model. Listed below are the criteria for recertifying the various models:

- **MiniLites™ and 8327’s** – Both models are deemed throwaway units. If they become damaged, wear out or see a fall, they must be discarded.
- **Series 55** – These units need to be recertified every two years or when they become damaged or see a fall.
- **MightyLites** – These units **DO NOT** need to be sent in for recertification. The only time they would need to be sent in is if they become damaged or arrest a fall.

If you have any questions on Miller SRL’s or any other Miller products, please contact our Technical Service Department at 1-800/873-5242.