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## THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT YOUR FALL PROTECTION SYSTEM IS CERTIFIED

## **FACT:**

Falling from heights is among the leading causes of serious work related injuries and deaths globally.

Fall protection systems are subjected to poor installation workmanship, wear and tear as well as damage caused by various factors. For example, improperly tensioned lifelines, loose or corroded parts, deployed shock absorbers, and faulty welds can compromise any fall protection system. Unauthorized system modifications can also put the user and the system owner at risk. There is only one thing worse than having a person working unsafe at height - and that is having a person believe that they are safe while attached to an unsafe fall protection system.

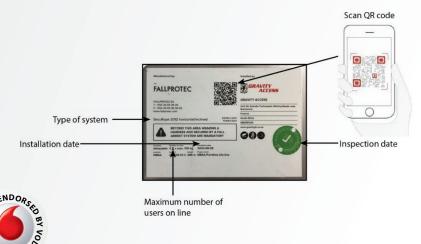
For all these reasons, fall protection systems must be inspected, tested and certified annually by an authorised person, as authorised by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

Around the world, most countries' Occupational Health Regulations require that a person may only work in a fall risk position if such work can be performed safely.

If there is no other way to do the work, working at height cannot be avoided and a Fall Prevention System such as a guardrail or travel restraint system cannot be applied, then a fall protection system must be used while a person works in a fall risk position.



Being solution-driven, Gravity does not only design, supply and install the best fall protection systems in line with the latest international standards and best practices, but also assists with inspections, testing and certification of fall protection systems, thereby ensuring the safety and peace of mind for our customers.



## NB:

Every permanently installed fall protection system must have a valid safe-touse certificate and some information must be displayed clearly at the access point to the system. The information should include the date of the last inspection and when the certification expires.

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