



HEALTH, SAFETY,
& ENVIRONMENTAL



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Damaged Carabiners

A recent inspection identified damaged carabiners on an offshore location. These items were submitted as an example of what to look for and the dangers damaged connectors present, even when not used for active fall protection or life-saving activities.



Keeping damaged connectors accessible on location creates a serious hazard.

Damaged equipment increases risk by:

- Allowing **unintentional or unauthorized use**
- Creates a **false sense of safety or availability**
- Increasing the chance of **sudden and catastrophic failure**

If a damaged carabiner remains on location, it can and will be used eventually, often at the worst possible time. **Damaged equipment is considered unsafe equipment.**

Any carabiner or connector showing damage, deformation, corrosion, or improper gate function **must be immediately removed from service.**

If not destroyed and disposed of on location, it **must be:**

1. **Clearly tagged "Out of Service"** with a durable, highly visible tag and marked with the reason for removal. **If it is not tagged, it is not controlled.**
2. **Physically isolated**, removed from the work area or placed in a designated **out-of-service /quarantine area.**
3. **Sent in** for approved repair evaluation or replacement as soon as possible.

Inspection & Personal Responsibility

- All carabiners and connectors must be **visually and functionally inspected before each use**
- Any worker who identifies damaged equipment has both the **authority and obligation** to:
 - Stop use
 - Tag it out
 - Ensure it is removed from the work area

Damaged means OUT OF SERVICE, every time.

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment



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