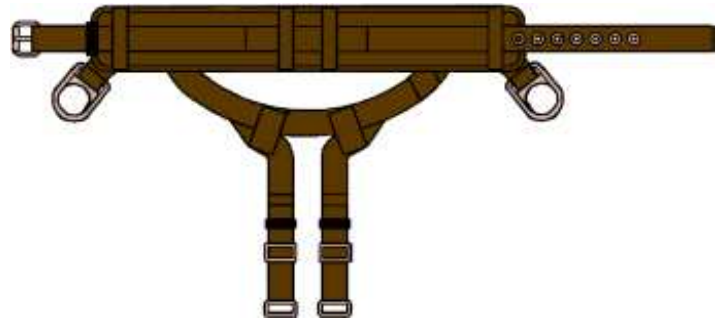


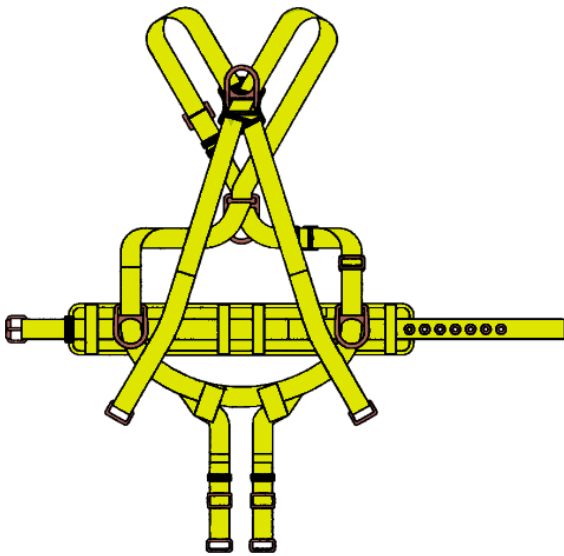
Derrick Climber Belts

BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN I WORKED DERRICKS WE ALL USED THE 'DERRICK CLIMBER BELTS' LIKE THE ONE YOU SEE ON THE RIGHT. NOWADAYS, MOST OF US AGREE THAT



THESE BELTS JUST DON'T PROVIDE ENOUGH FALL PROTECTION AND THEY NEVER DID. HOWEVER THERE MAY STILL BE SOME OF THESE OLD BELTS LYING AROUND THE RIG SOMEWHERE. IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD GO ON A HUNT AND GATHER ALL OF THESE BELTS UP OFF OF EVERY RIG I HAD. SECONDLY, I WOULD CALL MY SUPPLIER AND TELL THEM NOT TO SELL THESE BELTS TO MY EMPLOYEES ANY MORE.

WHAT WE SHOULD BE USING IS A FULL-BODY HARNESS OR FBH (EXAMPLE SHOWN ON THE LEFT). THIS IS BECAUSE IT HAS SHOULDER STRAPS AND IS ENGINEERED BETTER FOR FALL PROTECTION.



A RECENT IADC SAFETY ALERT SHOWED THAT A MAN WAS KILLED WHILE BEING RAISED IN AN OLD STYLE 'DERRICK CLIMBER BELT. WE ARE REALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIFTING PEOPLE WITH EITHER ONE OF THESE

ITEMS. FOR THAT YOU NEED A BOATSWAIN'S CHAIR (ALSO REQUIRES A FBH) OR A BOSUNS CHAIR (FBH BUILT IN). WE NEED TO EDUCATE OUR PEOPLE SO THAT WE ARE WEARING THE RIGHT GEAR!