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FALL PROTECTION RANGE

Fall Protection is put in place to prevent the risks associated with falling from heights, reducing impact force, restricting obstacle/ground collision and restricting users from fall hazard areas. Portwest offer a full range of fall protection products for working at height.

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- ANCHORAGE DEVICES
- HARNESSES
- LANYARDS
- ARREST BLOCKS
- ACCESSORIES
- TOOL LANYARDS
- FALL PROTECTION KITS

Harnesses

EN 361:2002

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Full body harness.

This standard states that the harness has passed the free fall test involving a free fall drop with a 100kg weight in the harness to simulate a person. This shows how the harness will respond in a fall.

EN 1497:2007 Personal fall protection equipment - rescue harnesses

This European standard specifies requirements, test methods, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer for rescue harnesses. Rescue Harnesses conforming to this standard are used as components of rescue systems, which are personal fall protection systems.

EN 358:2000

Personal protective equipment for work positioning and prevention of falls from a height. Belts for work positioning and restraint and work positioning.

This standard confirms that the work positioning belt and lanyard have withstood a static force test for more than 3 minutes without releasing the load.

EN 813:2008 Personal fall protection equipment - Sit harnesses

EN 813 specifies requirements, testing, marking and information to be supplied by the manufacturer for sit harnesses to be used in restraint, work positioning and rope access systems, where a low point of attachment is required.

Arrest Blocks

EN 360:2002 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Retractable type fall arresters.

This standard deals with fall arrester with self locking device and a self-retractable system for the lanyard. An energy dissipating element can be built-in to the equipment.

Lanyards

EN 354:2010 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Lanyards. This standard indicates that the lanyard has withstood a free fall test without releasing the load or doing undue damage to it.

EN 355: 2002 Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Energy absorbers.

This standard is for lanyards with shock absorbers. These are lanyards that are suitable for attachment to a full body harness and connection to an anchorage point. The shock absorber part of the lanyard reduces the shock caused in the event of a fall being arrested by slowing down the speed of the arrest.

Connectors / Rope/Rope Grabs

EN 362:2004

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Connectors.

This standard shows that all connectors in this range have passed the strength test required for this standard.

EN 353-2:2002

Personal protective equipment against falls from a height. Guided type fall arresters including a flexible anchor line.

This standard describes the different test methods for traveling devices incorporated into systems made up of a line intended to be fixed (either temporarily or permanently) to a structure.

EN 1891:1998

Personal protective equipment for the prevention of falls from a height. Low stretch kernmantel ropes.

This standard confirms that low stretch kernmental ropes have the ability for low extension during normal work activities but the ability to withstand forces generated by a fall.

Anchorage Device

EN 795 :2012 Personal Fall Protection Equipment - Anchor Devices

This standard pertains to anchorage devices to be used as part of a fall protection system. It tests the devices to make sure they can withstand the maximum dynamic force generated in a fall.

Introduction to Fall Protection

There are 3 general terms used to categorise the use of fall protection equipment.



Work Restraint

A risk assessment is carried out to determine the circumstances under which the risk of falling can be eliminated by limiting the user's movement to a safe distance from the fall hazard. This is an excellent preventative measure to insure a safe working environment at height.

Areas of use -

- Roof top work
- Powered access equipment
- Fall protection on vehicles
- Facilities management
 And many more
- And many more



Work Positioning

This refers to the application of fall protection equipment in scenarios where users need to be suspended in work positions for jobs that need to be carried out at height. Adequate training is required for the user in order to use fall protection equipment in this manner. It is common for this type of fall protection to be accompanied by a fall arrest system.

Areas of use -

- Telecom
- Utilities
- Industrial rope access
- Confined space
- And many more



Fall Arrest

Fall arrest systems aim to avoid all circumstances where the risk of falling is a hazard by arresting the fall in a safe and controlled manner. This enables the user to perform their work at height without fear of serious injury. Careful consideration is given when setting up these systems to ensure adequate clearance for the user from the ground and to avoid any contact with obstacles in the event of a fall. Moreover, a rescue plan in the event of a fall arrest occurring, is included as part of the planning process since prolonged suspension at height can be dangerous.

- Areas of use -
- Scaffolding
- Wind energy
- Tower crane erection and maintenance
- High bay pallet racking
- And many more

Principles of Fall Protection

There are 3 main principles to consider when planning for working at height.

Avoidance

Consider all reasonable alternatives for the work not to be performed at height if practical or possible.

Prevention

If the work must be performed at height deploy the appropriate preventative measures and work restraint systems.

Mitigation

In circumstances where the risk of falling cannot be prevented, consider the use of netting or other soft landing equipment together with a suitably developed work positioning and/or fall arrest system using the appropriate fall protection equipment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Where Portwest Fall Protection products are unused and stored in a clean, dry environment they have a potential lifetime of:

- TEXTILE PPE = 10 YEARS
- METALLIC PPE = LIMITLESS

Once used, equipment should be inspected by the user before each use, and a mandatory annual inspection conducted by a trained and competent person.

Application of Fall Protection

When considering the application of fall protection it can be easier to break it down to its 3 main area's, Anchorage points, full Body harnesses and Connection devices, the ABC of fall protection.

Anchorage

As the name suggests this is the point of the system that will hold the weight in the event of a fall, it can be permanent or temporary depending on the requirements of the situation but it must be able to take a load of at least 10 kN.

Full Body Harness

The harness is designed to securely hold your whole body in the event of a fall when used as part of a fall arrest system.

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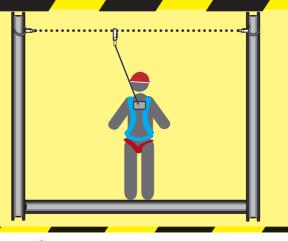
Training – Fall arrest training is an essential requirement for anyone working at height. **Rescue plan** - It is imperative that any fall arrest system includes a rescue plan as suspension at height after a fall can be hazardous for the user if experienced over a prolonged period.

Connection

The connecting devices link your full body harness to its anchorage point. Lanyard and arrest blocks are the most common connecting devices.

Anchorage Device

Anchorage devices are common fall protection solutions in work areas that lack existing anchor points for personnel tie–off. They are certified to the EN 795 standard, making them approved anchor points for any elevated work area that poses a risk of fall to the worker. These points are responsible for connecting the user to a lifeline or lanyard making them must–haves for the safety of workers at height.





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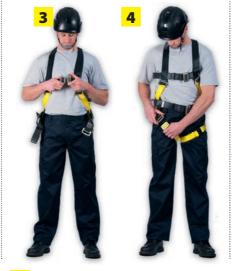
How to Don a Harness



Hold the harness up by the back dorsal D ring.

would a back pack.

Proceed to sling the harness over the shoulders as you



- Starting at the top attach your chest and waist belt 3 connections.
- Reaching under your leg, grab the leg straps and 4 wrap around each thigh and then attach to the connection points at the waist.



- In order to ensure that the leg straps are tightened 5 correctly, a flat hand (but not a closed fist) should fit between the strap and the leg
- 6 Finally tighten all straps to a comfortable but firm fit.



Portwest 4 Point Harness **Comfort Plus**

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Ergonomically designed with the users comfort in mind. The 4 Point Harness Comfort Plus has been engineered from lightweight aluminium optimising strength and durability. It provides 4 points of attachment, one rear D ring, two side D rings and an upper and lower chest D ring. Quick release buckles for easy donning. Ideal for work positioning or suspension work.

Polyester Webbing, Aluminium, Alloy Steel, Heat Treated Red/Blue One Size

Ergonomically Designed with Comfort in Mind

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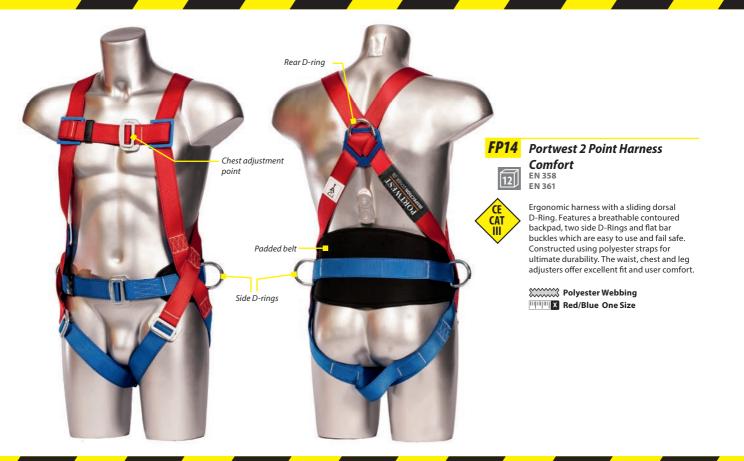
Portwest 2 Point Harness Comfort Plus EN 358 EN 361

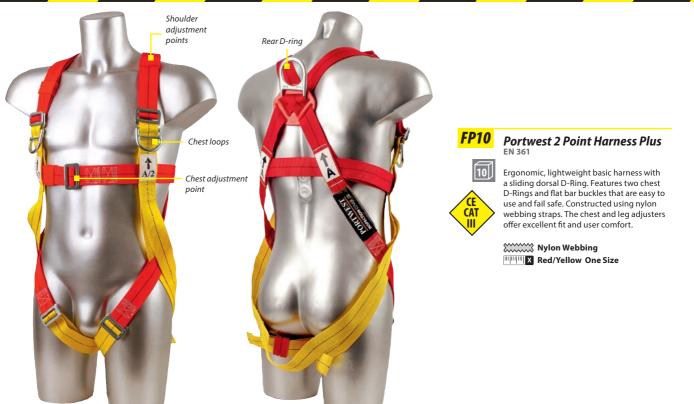
This full body harness, with a breathable contoured backpad, provides ultimate comfort and safety when working at height. Featuring an extended D-Ring shoulder strap arrangement for easy dorsal fittings and two side D-rings.

Nylon Webbing

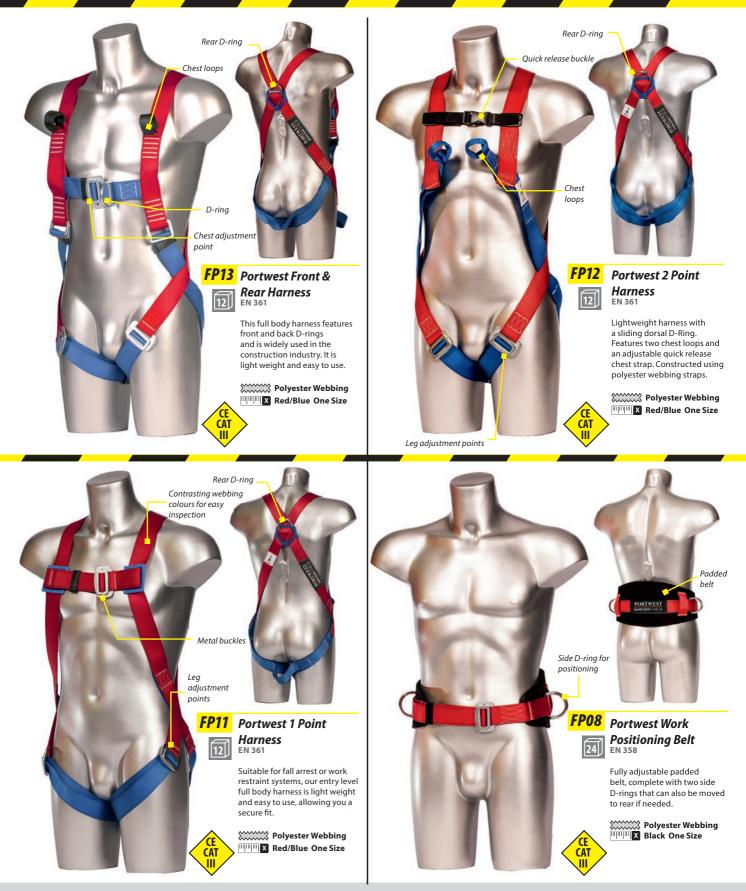
Breathable Contoured Backpad



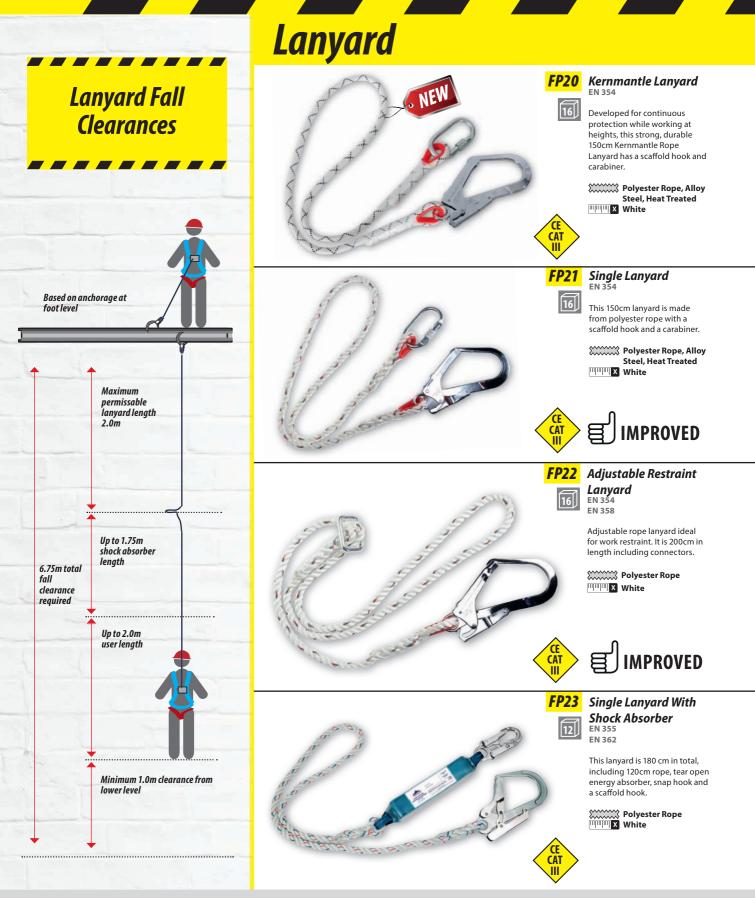




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510 Strength You Can Rely On



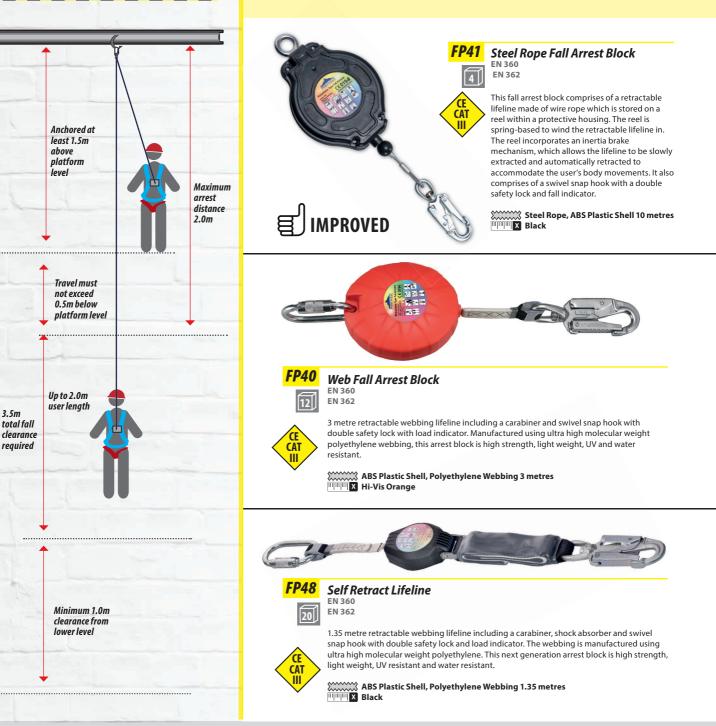
Durable Performance 511

Fall Arrest Block Clearance

3.5m

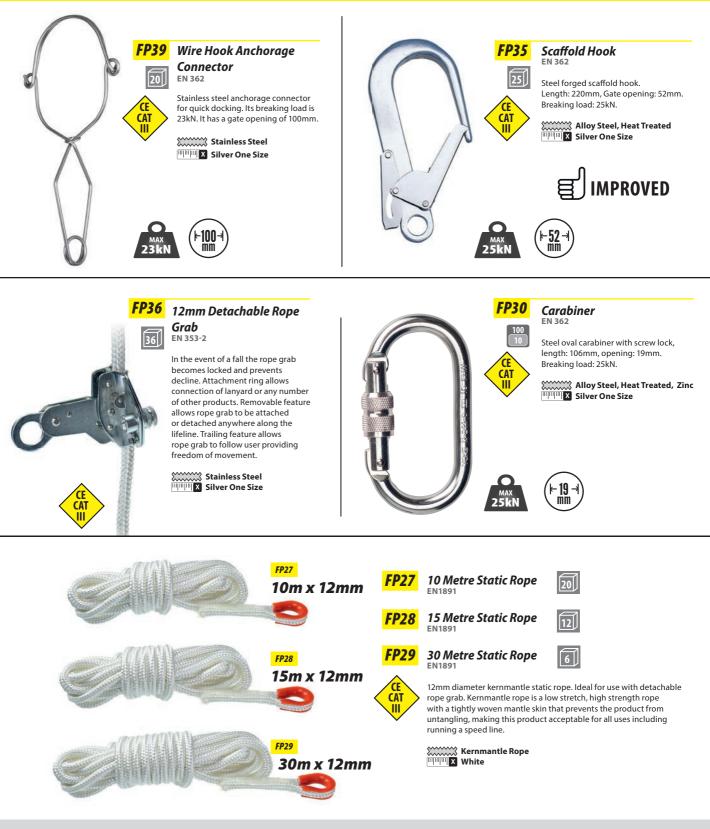
Automatic Fall Arrest Block

Automatic fall arrest blocks could be compared to the seatbelt of a car. The life line is coiled inside high quality durable housing where it can extend and retract. This means the line is under constant tension ensuring that there is no slack thus reducing the risks of trip or slip hazards. In the event of a fall the arrest block will lock and stop your fall after a short distance. Designed to be used with all Portwest harnesses and connectors.



512 Superb Dynamic Performance

Accessories Range



Strong and Reliable Accessories 513

Tool Lanyard



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Tool Lanyard

Essential for anyone working at height the tool lanyard can be attached to the user's wrist or person. This can be done using the carabiner or elasticated drawstring, leaving the other end attached to your tool. This item prevents your tool from becoming a dangerous falling object and a safety hazard when working at height.

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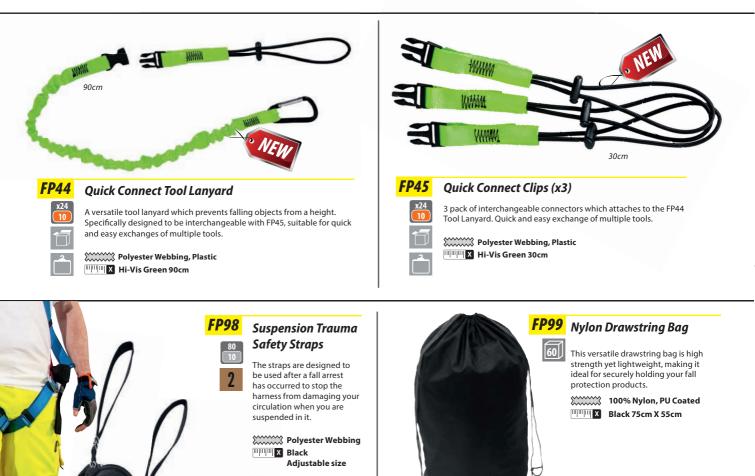


FP49 Helmet Lanyard

Introducing the ultimate in helmet safety, the helmet lanyard is essential when working at height. One end of the lanyard attaches to the helmet and the other end attaches to the users clothing, preventing the helmet from falling and causing injury.



Polyester Webbing, Plastic

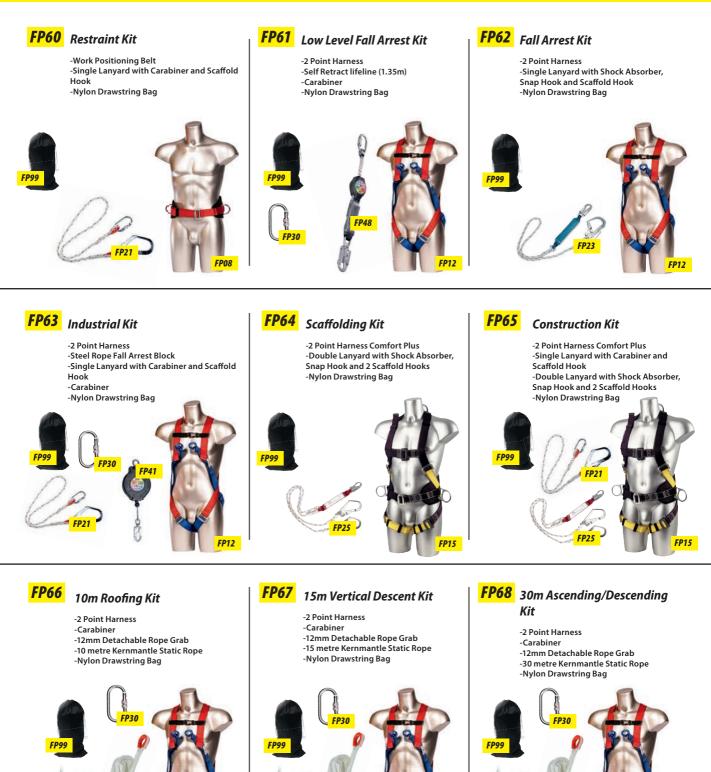


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