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P.F.P.E Inspection

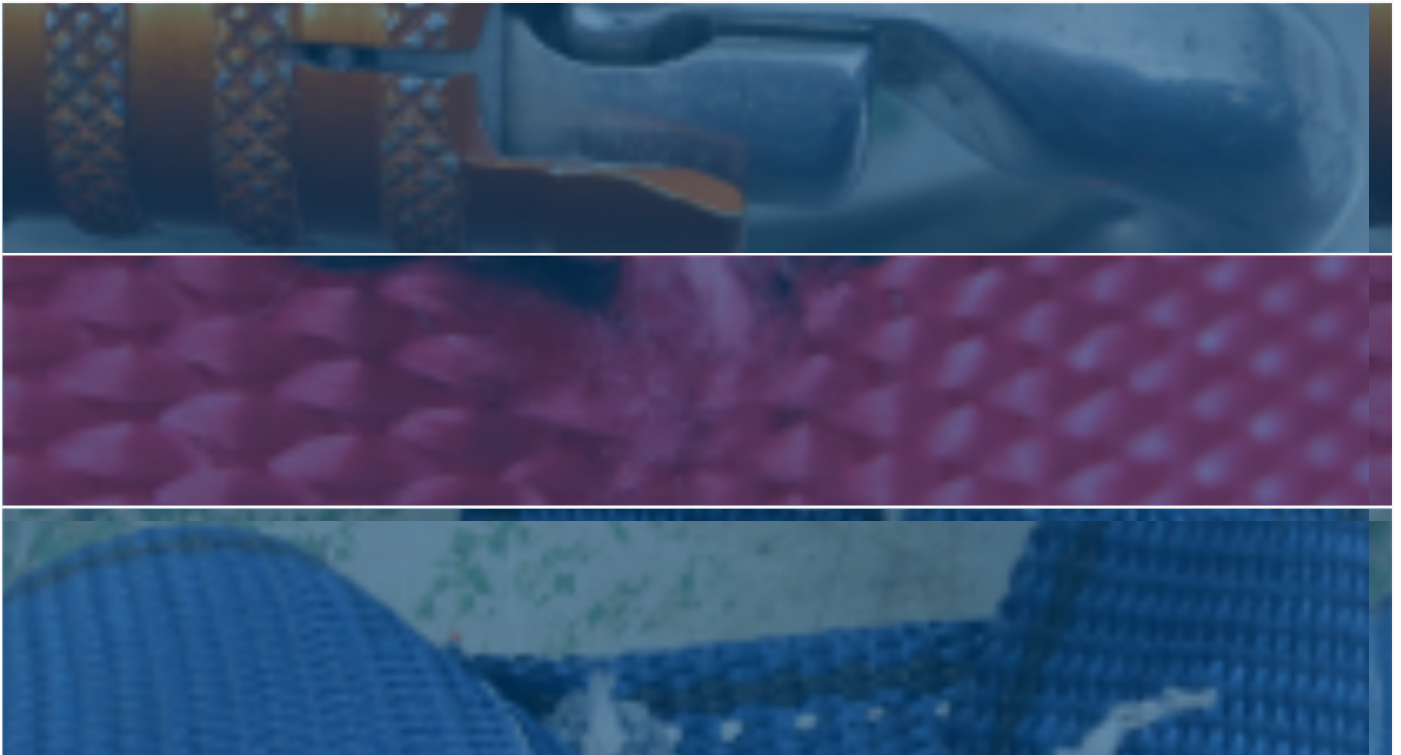
We offer complete management of all of your Personal Protection Equipment PPE & [Personal Fall Protection Equipment PFPE](#). We have specialised workshops and stores around the UK.

Our skilled & competent inspectors take care of your daily examination of your equipment in which the certification is kept accurate and up to date, using our bespoke PFPE & PPE (asset) management database (CertMax +). All certification records are kept securely and available for you to peruse online.

Certex inspectors have been trained by manufactures of PFPE & PPE as well as the industry leading inspection authority.

To increase the life cycle of the products and to increase safety Certex can also advise on training needs and on the correct equipment and use.

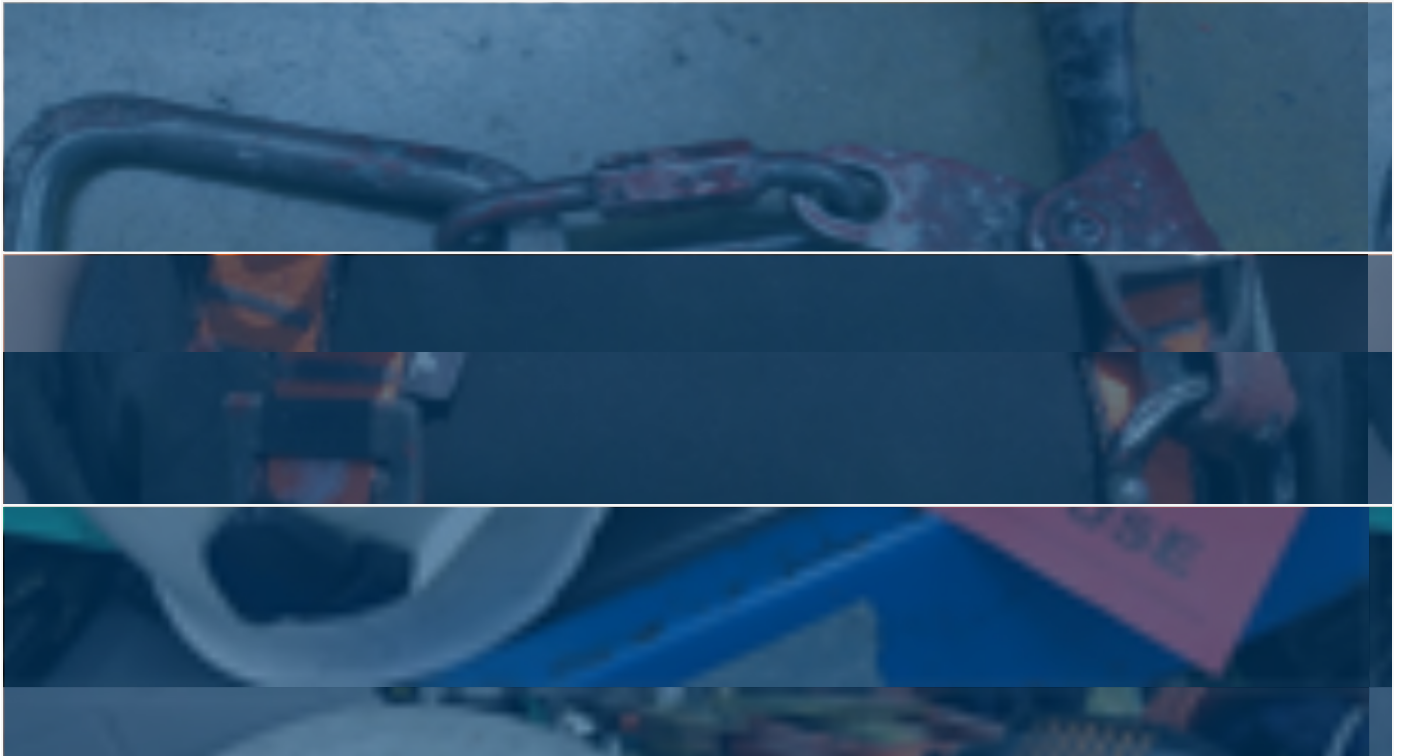
To increase the life cycle of your PFPE its important to note the most common PFPE rejection issues:



From left to right above: **Damaged connector, Cuts, Torn Stitches**



From left to right above: **Missing marks, modifications, permanent marker**



From left to right above: **Wrong Connection and Damaged Connector**

Key points to consider:

1: Your life, your hands...

You should have a set of Pre-use checks. Inspect visually for any abrasions, contamination, cuts, corrosion, gouges, stretching, wear or tear or any mechanical damage. Report anything you are unsure about immediately to your supervisor, as items left with issues can lead to a complete discard if appropriate action is not taken swiftly.

2: Rookie Mistakes:

Don't label your items. Writing on a helmet with a marker pen, or placing a sticker can lead to an immediate safety fail. The glue used commonly in stickers and chemicals in marker pens can corrode certain fabrics and even plastics. Only write on designated areas and only place stickers on items such as helmets that are designed specifically for that (*Further information can be found on the manufacturers website*).

3: Follow procedures:

Don't hang anything out of convenience on a harness lanyard or other safety devices, if it is not designed to be placed there. Lanyards can stretch and wear quicker. Resulting in reduced life span, and even failure.

Immersion Suits

1: The neoprene seals around the neck and arms are designed to be air tight and as such can be tricky to fit. It's advisable to have a small tub of talcum powder handy to place on the wrists and neck, this reduces the moisture in the skin and allows for less friction and thus less effort required in fitting. In doing so it also means there is less likely to be over stretching of the seals, resulting in potential water ingress once in use.

2: Not wearing watches, bracelets, necklaces or any kind of jewellery can also help reduce wear and tear. Again this can easily stretch the neoprene seals or snag on them resulting in failure. To aid removal further, place talcum powder on your index finger and roll it through the wrist and neck seals while removing the suit. This will help alleviate the air tight vacuum that is created and thus reduce friction.

3: Prior to storing your immersion suit hang it out to dry and rotate regularly until dry. It should be kept at room temperature and out of direct sunlight to avoid UV degradation.

4: If unsure ask a supervisor. Many items such as life jackets are deployed simply because a consumer has triggered the device out of curiosity, as mentioned earlier avoid wearing watches and jewellery as these can snag on devices and cause them to activate.

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