

# SAFETY ALERT

UniRail™/Roofsafe™ carriage (distributed by 3M/Capital Safety)

## INTRODUCTION

Workplace Access & Safety has become aware of a safety incident involving the **UniRail™ / Roofsafe™** carriage system distributed by 3M/Capital Safety.

The incident involved the tie-off shackle separating from the carriage body while in use by a worker. The shackle and an 8kg self-retracting fall arrest device fell, narrowly missing the worker.

The purpose of this Safety Notice is to advise Workplace Access & Safety's customers of the potential safety hazard associated with the use of the system and to provide information distributed by 3M/Capital Safety.

**It is very important that this information be distributed as soon as possible to all personnel who operate the equipment, service it, or work in its immediate vicinity.**

## DISCUSSION

Capital Safety have advised that it has received a limited number of reports of fractures circlips (the locking screw retaining clips) which can allow the locking screw to unscrew and separate from the carriage body. If the locking screw separates from the carriage body, it is possible for the shackle retaining clip to slide out of the carriage body and release the tie off shackle. Workplace Access & Safety is aware of one incident where, as a result of this failure, an 8kg self-retracting fall arrest device fell while attached to a worker.

Capital Safety have issued a **Produce Retrofit Notice** that can be downloaded from:

<http://api.capitalsafety.com/api/assets/download/1/39510684>

The **Product Retrofit Notice** identifies the affected units by a serial number located on the front of the unit:



## WARNING

If the circlip fractures, the locking screw may unscrew and separate from the carriage body causing any equipment to fall from the shackle retaining clip. If this occurs, any worker attached to the system or in the vicinity of the system will be exposed to potential serious harm from falling objects.

## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Workplace Access & Safety recommends the following:

- Isolate the **UniRail™ / Roofsafe™** system and identify whether the system is subject to the **Product Retrofit Notice**
- Contact Capital Safety on +61 2 8753 7600

If you have any further questions, please contact your Workplace Access & Safety representative.