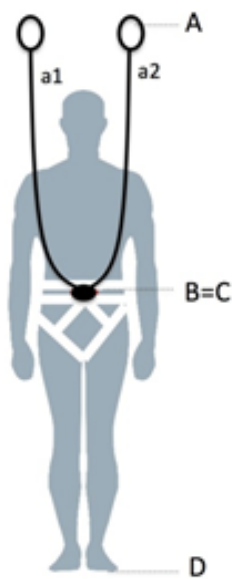


## **Safety Notice for symmetric V-type and asymmetric Y-lanyards**

If the individual parts of a fall protection system are setup in a wrong and/or poor configuration, SISKA sees the risk for accidents.

If the system is configured the wrong way, in case of a fall, and the neck of the climber gets between lanyard **a1** and lanyard **a2** it can lead to unconsciousness and death.

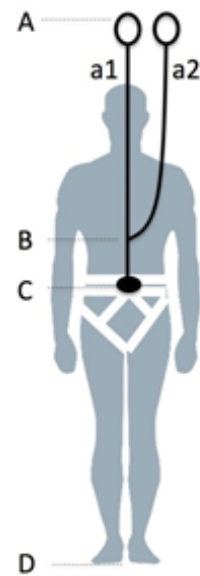


**A.** Height of safety/life line

**a1/a2** Individual lanyards

**B.** Y-point/branching

**C.** Attachment point  
(connection to harness)



SISKA advises that operators, together with the manufacturer and the builder, should assess and evaluate their respective park(s).

Furthermore, SISKA advises that affected manufacturers, dealers and builders reevaluate the system in use, as well as perform a reassessment the risk of the system used.

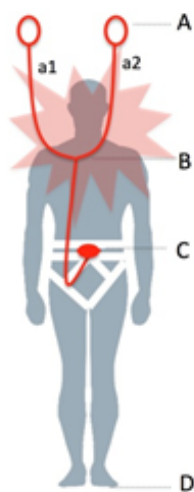
Inspectors are advised to deliberate this topic upon inspection.

## Further sources and references:

ERCA (European Ropes Course Association) Industry Standards for mobile and stationary ropes courses; Section III – Operational Standards, Chapter E6 – Self Belay

Safety Association for Ropes Course Operations: “Sicherheitskreises Seilkletteranlagen e.V. (SISKA)”

## Safety Notice for symmetric Y-lanyards



**A.** Height of safety/life line

**a1/a2** Individual lanyards

**B.** Y-point/branching

**C.** Attachment point  
(connection to harness)

If both arms of a Y-shaped lanyard, **a1** and **a2**, are equally long and attached to the same anchor point/Life Line, danger of an accident is a given.

The reason for this Safety Notice is due to several severe accidents that have occurred: if the neck of the climber gets between lanyard **a1** and lanyard **a2** in case of a fall, it can lead to unconsciousness and death. It is the opinion of SISKA that the root cause is in the configuration and the parts of the safety system.

Manufacturers of such lanyard systems are hereby requested to develop a technical solution and actively inform operators of affected parks about this issue and offer suggested possible solutions.

Operators of affected parks are advised to cease operation until a proper risk assessment and evaluation have been performed.

SISKA advises operators to contact the manufacturer of the lanyard system to assess and evaluate their respective park together with the manufacturer.

Inspectors are advised to deliberate this topic upon inspection.

Further sources and references:

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