

## WEEKLY SAFETY TIP – 4/19/10 – THE ABC’s of PFAS

For many of us who wear various types of personal protective equipment (PPE), we often fail to realize how important that it is to have it work correctly. The consequences of it not working correctly can be devastating! And that is the point of this safety tip. When it comes to wearing PPE for fall protection, we need to remember that there are three very important components that must work in order for the PPE to work correctly. We remember these parts as:

- A – the anchor to which the system is ultimately attached.
- B – The body harness that attaches to the person needing the protection.
- C – The connector between the harness and the anchor.

Without all three working correctly, the system will fail. We will give you some information on each of the components in future safety tips.

But also remember that this type of PPE is called a Personal Fall Arrest System. As a system, all components must work correctly or you will not get the protection that you need. And remember that the system is Personal, meaning it is there to protect you. And finally remember that it doesn’t stop you from falling. It simply makes the consequences of that fall less harmful to you. It “arrests” the fall.

Don’t take this system, or any other safety system, for granted. Ensure that you address the A-B-Cs as you wear it. Think about all of the parts because failure of any one will result in the fall happening without being “arrested” or brought under control.