

HSE Alert 11 in 2019

Product recall - Teufelberger braided safety blue/t-vee ropes

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Background

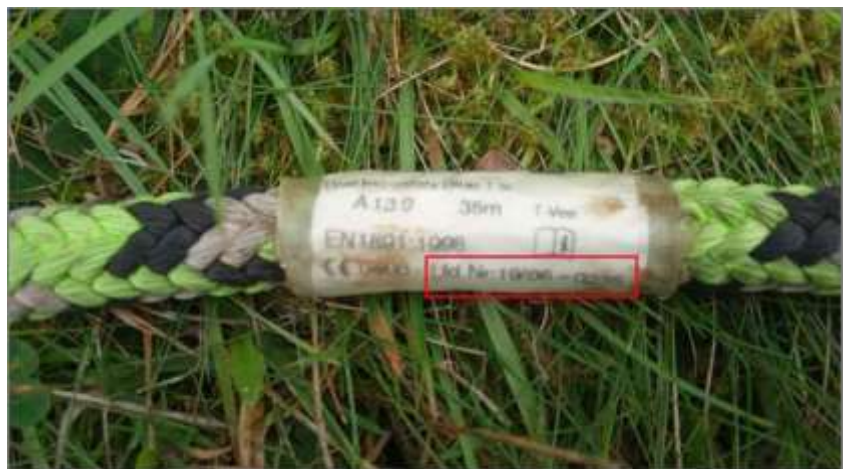
TfL have been notified that Teufelberger braided safety blue / T-VEE ropes with a serial number between 19/06-0229 and 19/06-0237 (only 9 units are affected) have the potential to malfunction and open up while the rope is in use.

Instruction

These ropes must no longer be used. You should contact Teufelberger Treecare to organise an exchange.

Guidance

Climbing ropes and ropes used for lifting and lowering in arboriculture activities fall within the definition of “lifting equipment” in the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER).



Ropes used in arboriculture (and similar activities) should be inspected daily, before use, by a competent person, and it is recommended that a written weekly record of inspection is maintained. The equipment should be appropriately marked to enable identification for record keeping purposes.

LOLER also requires that a thorough examination is carried out by a competent person, at six monthly intervals (or more frequently) to identify possible deterioration which could affect safety.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/treework/safety-topics/arboriculture.htm>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l113.htm>

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