



NOTICE – RE: CLIMBING HARNESSSES

Dear Petzl Customer:

Petzl has recently learned of climbing accidents that were seemingly caused by attachment of the belay rope to a gear loop of the harness instead of to its designated tie-in point. Gear loops are designed to carry and access the equipment that is necessary to climb routes on cliffs, mountains, icefalls, glaciers, etc.

Gear loops are **not designed and do not have the strength** to be tie-in points on the harness.

We therefore recommend that when a harness is used in any application where gear loops are **not essential to the activity** (e.g. climbing walls, gyms, etc.), the gear loops should be removed by carefully cutting them off of the harness, taking care in the process to avoid damaging any stitching, webbing, or other load-bearing component of the harness. This will eliminate the potential mistake of attaching the rope to a gear loop that is not being used for its designed purpose of holding gear.

The tie-in instructions and diagrams found in the technical notice and harness labeling must be followed at all times. The harness technical notice must be read and understood completely before using any harness.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please feel free to contact our customer service department.

Sincerely,

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