

## Personnel lifting system fatality

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We have learned of a fatality when a worker fell from a full body harness boatswain's chair when ascending on a hoisting system.

### What happened?

The initial information from the investigation team indicates that the individual fell when he became detached from the self-locked grip latch hook, similar to that depicted below. The latch on the hook depicted on the right opens outward.



### Our member took the following actions:

The company involved has implemented a survey of all personnel hoisting and fall arrest systems seeking:

- verification that all hook components are designed and manufactured and certified for lifting personnel.
- where such hooks are used, these should be self-locking and self-closing with an inward moving latch.

Examples of such hooks are shown below.

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