Climbing and rigging kit inspection register

One line per item. Record each thorough examination and when the next one is due: every 6 months for kit used to lift people and for lifting accessories, every 12 months for other lifting equipment, unless a written examination scheme sets different intervals. Keep the examiner's reports with this register.

BUSINESS

KIT BELONGS TO (PERSON / VAN / STORE)

REGISTER STARTED

Item	ID / serial no.	Date into service	Last thorough exam	Next due	Result	Examined by	Notes / defects
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Result: P = pass, safe to use. D = defect noted, safe to use until the date the examiner gives for the repair. F = fail, take it out of service now and label it. Don't use a failed item until it has been repaired and re-examined, or destroy it.

Pre-use checks

The person using the kit checks it, by eye and by hand, every time before use. These checks don't replace the thorough examination; they catch damage between examinations.

Before each use, check

- ☐ Rope: no cuts, glazing, flat spots, stiff or soft sections, core showing or chemical contamination
- ☐ Harness and lanyards: webbing, stitching, buckles and attachment points intact; no cuts, fraying or heat damage
- ☐ Karabiners and connectors: gates open, close and lock fully; no cracks, sharp edges, distortion or heavy wear
- ☐ Pulleys, friction devices and rope wrenches: move freely, no sharp edges, grooves or cracks
- ☐ Rigging slings and blocks: no cuts or abrasion, labels legible, sheaves turn freely
- ☐ Any item that fails, or that you're unsure about: take it out of use, label it and report it

For items that wear quickly, such as ropes, HSE says a written weekly record of inspection should be kept. Use the log below, or a page per rope.

Weekly rope inspection log

Week starting	Rope ID	Condition / notes	OK to use	Checked by