

Site Incident

Incident: Employee was using a Miller Double Back Biting lanyard when the pin holding the locking keeper in place fell out. This resulted in the keeper separating from the snaphook. Thus the latch was no longer locked in place. The employee using this lanyard states he had the lanyard latched to a beam anchor or beamer when he started to slide across the beam he looked backed and noticed the keeper and pin lying on top of the beam.

Figure 1 shows the detached pin and keeper. Neither the keeper or pin has any external structural damage and both appear to be in good condition. Date of manufacturer on lanyard is 2-18-08 with the lanyard going into service in March-08.



Figure 1

Figure 2 shows the pin in the keeper. *Note:* The rivet head appears to be cleanly sheared off with no jagged edges which indicates rivet was not torn from pin nor does it appear to have been squeezed or pinched off. Note other rivet pins are of the same design.



Figure 2

Figure 3 shows the keeper and pin attached to the snaphook again no external damage to the snaphook or pin to indicate abuse or neglect. It appears the rivet head or pin simply came off with little or no outside force applied.



Figure 3