

SAFETY FLASH



SRLs Not Rated for Leading Edge Work

Sometimes Haselden team members and our subcontractors use Self-Retracting Lifelines for 100% tie-off during leading edge work where no guardrail is installed or where a parapet wall is less than 39" tall. When connecting to an anchor point that is below the D ring, fall distance is increased and fall forces increase accordingly. **Not all SRLs are rated for this use! Increased forces may result in failure of an SRL in the event of a fall. Rebel SRLs are shown here, but many manufacturers make SRLs rated for Leading Edge (LE) and non-LE work. Leading edge SRLs must have a shock absorber.**

Safe for leading edge work



Not safe for LE work



Required Practice!

- Always check manufacturer's written instructions to confirm the SRL is rated for Leading Edge applications.
- Rebel SRLs rated for Leading Edge work have a shock absorber built into the lanyard. (SRL-LE)
- DBI-Sala can retrofit SRLs by adding the shock absorber, making them Leading Edge compliant if needed.
- Always refer to manufacturer's instructions and charts when calculating fall distance. Employee weight, relationship of anchor point to D ring, and horizontal angle are safety factors that must be considered.
- Non-LE rated SRLs may be used when anchor points are above the D ring. Check written instructions for use.