



April 15 — Right in the Walkway

Electrical contractor wrapped SRL at 45-degree angle to handrail leaving it in the line of fire in walk way at throat height	Removed SRL and talked to contractors about using SRL pull lanyards
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An SRL was found wrapped around a handrail at an angle, stretching across a walkway right at throat height. It wasn't moving. It wasn't loud. It didn't look dangerous at first glance.

But it was exactly where someone would walk.

SRLs are designed to protect you in a fall not to become a hazard themselves. When they're routed incorrectly, especially across walkways, they turn into a tensioned line right in the path of others.

And when that line is at neck level, the risk changes completely.

Someone walking through distracted, carrying something, or just moving with purpose may not see it until it's too late.

Nothing happened. But that's the nature of this kind of hazard. It sits there quietly, waiting for someone to walk into it.

This wasn't about missing equipment. It was about how it was set up and where it was placed.

Hazards

- Struck-by / clothesline type injury
- Serious injury to throat, neck, or upper body
- Trip or entanglement hazard
- Improper fall protection setup
- Walkway obstruction
- Line of fire exposure from tensioned equipment

Stats

- Improper use of fall protection equipment is a frequent contributor to workplace injuries
- Line of fire hazards often occur from poorly placed equipment
- Many incidents involve hazards positioned in walk paths
- Walkways should remain clear of obstructions at all times

Words of Wisdom

- Protection set wrong becomes a hazard
- Don't block the path with your setup
- Think beyond your task, look at the whole area.

Pause and Think

Work areas don't stay the same. Every task — removing, installing, modifying — changes something.

But it's easy to move on once the job is done, assuming the area is still safe.

That's where hazards get missed.

Not because they weren't there, but because they weren't there *before*.

Taking a moment to look back at what changed can prevent someone else from getting caught off guard.

- What did this job expose or leave behind?
- Could someone walking through miss this hazard?
- Have I made new hazards visible or controlled?
- Am I assuming the area is the same as before?