

Marking Harness Web with “Sharpie” and “Marks-a-Lot” Markers

Reliance has received questions about the safety of using “Sharpie” and “Marks-a-Lot” markers on webbing, often used to indicate the user’s names, job site name, inventory number, etc. The manufacturers of these markers will not reveal the formulation of their products but have indicated that the alcohol based dyes they use should not affect the strength of either nylon or polyester webbing. We cannot comment on other types of markers, but these two types should not cause any problems with the webbing used by Reliance for harness and lanyards.

Please note that this statement refers only to writing on harness and lanyard webbing itself, not to labels attached to the harnesses. Care must be taken not to obscure or otherwise make the labeling illegible, which would render the harness or lanyard non-compliant with OSHA and ANSI standards.

