



## IRATA SAFETY NOTICE SN14

# MANRIDING INCIDENT – CONNECTOR FAILURE

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### Key points:

- There was no back up.1
- There was no competent inspection and maintenance, which is particularly important when using triple-locking karabiners in dirty conditions.
- When selecting the type of gate locking system for connectors, users should balance the possibilities for human error against ease of inspection of a simple construction compared with a more complex mechanism which may be more likely to malfunction if not regularly maintained.