

## Temporary Anchor Points – Common Mistakes

A common anchoring device that is found on job sites that workers tie off to are temporary "butterfly" anchors. Temporary anchors give workers a convenient and approved anchor point when permanent anchor points may be hard to come by. However, we commonly see temporary anchor points not being used or installed correctly. Below are some of the common mistakes found on job sites.



### Mistake

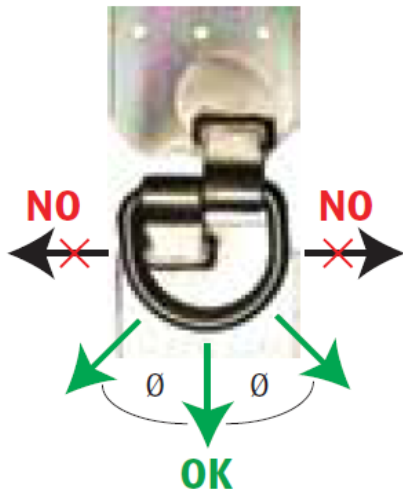
No more than **1** connector on the same anchor. Temporary anchors are only designed to support 5,000 lbs, which equals the force of one worker falling. Also, hooks can roll out if more than one is on a anchor.

### Mistake

Three common installation errors:

1. Not using correct size or type of screw/nail
2. Not screwing into approved material (Wood, Metal, Concrete, etc.).  
**\*Insulation is not an adequate anchoring material\***
3. Not using the correct installation pattern for each material. Some material may require only screws or a combination of nails and screws.

**ALWAYS REFER TO USER MANUAL**



### Mistake

Anchors should not be improperly side loaded. Many types are not designed for force in this direction. There are some 360° use models - always refer to the users manual.

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## ✓ SAFETYCHECK

- Have you reviewed your temporary anchor points user manual?(Do you have a copy on the job?)
- Temporary anchor point is installed in appropriate material per user manual specifications?
- Only one connection is used per anchor point?
- All temporary anchor points have been inspected before use?

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**Location:**

**Presenter:**

**Date:**

## ATTENDANCESHEET
