

*Safety Soapbox*  
***Absolute Shocker of the Week***



Synthetic webbing slings are commonly used where it is necessary to protect the loads being lifted from the sort of damage that could arise from using chain slings or wire-rope slings.

As every certificated dogman and rigger **should** know, synthetic slings must be visually inspected before each use, and should be discarded when visible cuts occur.

This severed sling has been “repaired” with a couple of nails and some steel-fixing tie-wire.

When asked what excuse he had for using the sling, rather than discarding it, the dogman said, “Don’t worry, mate. I try not to lift very heavy loads with it.”

We are pleased to report that this particular sling was instantly taken out of service. And we understand that the dogman is now acutely conscious that if he wants to continue to hold a certificate of competency, he must take his own safety responsibilities a lot more seriously.

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