

## CSA Standards for rigid rails

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In 2010, the Ontario Ministry of Labor issued an announcement that certain class FRL fall arrest systems would allow a worker to freefall if the worker fell backward away from the ladder. As a result, CSA issued a Technical Information Letter, TIL #S-02 later that same year to address increased testing requirements to prevent the fall-back freefall. MSA was issued certification to the TIL on April 8, 2011 based on test data provided by MSA.

In 2012, CSA published a new standard, Z259.2.4-12: Fall Arresters and Vertical Rigid Rails, which was intended to replace the existing standard Z259.2.1, and would incorporate the fall back testing required by TIL#S-02. However, the testing laboratory of CSA has not yet incorporated the ability to perform the fall-back test into their procedures and as such; the standard is not yet effective.

## MSA Dyna-Glide Approval Status

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Given the proximity of the new standard's release, MSA decided not to renew the certification to Z259.2.1 for the Dyna-Glide system on September 18, 2014. **However, this does not affect existing systems manufactured before September 18, 2014. The CSA certification for those systems is still applicable and they may continue to be used safely and in compliance with CSA standards.**

