

3M Unveils State-of-the-Art Fall Protection Testing Facility

The new facility, located in Cottage Grove, Minn., will test products ranging from safety harnesses to escape-and-rescue solutions

3M has unveiled a state-of-the-art testing facility for its expanding portfolio of fall protection solutions, complete with a research and development tower. The testing facility is located within 3M's Fall Protection campus in Cottage Grove, Minn. and will be fully functional by the end of 2013.

The new facility, which was designed to test according to global fall protection regulatory standards, gives the 3M Research and Development team an innovative environment to collaborate, and design safe, secure solutions for those who work at height. 3M will test harnesses, connecting and anchorage devices, lifeline systems, confined space equipment, and escape and rescue products at this facility.

"We are proud of our testing facility and consider it technologically advanced within the industry," said Stephanie Mathers, 3M Global Fall Protection Business Leader. "Not only is it developed to test products to global fall protection standards, it is built as an investment for the future as standards change and new technologies emerge."

The new facility is part of 3M's company-wide commitment to exploring new technological possibilities. Earlier this year, 3M also announced plans to build a \$150 million research and development lab building at its headquarters campus in Maplewood, Minn.

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State of the art fall protection testing facility slated to open end of 2013 at 3M's Cottage Grove campus! <http://bit.ly/jxB7aA>

3M's new Fall Protection Facility is designed to test all types of global fall protection regulatory standards. <http://bit.ly/jxB7aA>

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3M's New Fall Protection Facility designed to test all types of global fall protection regulatory standards and will open at the end of this year. <http://bit.ly/jxB7aA>

New Cottage Grove Fall Protection Test Facility slated to open by the end of 2013 and will test products ranging from harnesses, to connecting devices and anchorage devices to lifeline systems, confined space equipment and escape or rescue products. Learn more here: <http://bit.ly/jxB7aA>

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