

## StrandVise<sup>®</sup> Advisory

A StrandVise is a metal device that is used on many challenge courses (particularly high-ropes courses and climbing walls) for securing belay cables. They have been installed by many professional challenge course firms since the early 1990s.

A June 4, 2007, Advisory Notice issued by the Association for Challenge Course Technology (ACCT) states that the manufacturer of the StrandVise (MacLean Power Systems) advises that these devices were not designed to be used on challenge courses.

Markel has had only one claim reported regarding a StrandVise failure resulting in an injury. However, due to the recently issued advisory, it seems likely that not all professional challenge course firms will “pass” StrandVise devices on upcoming inspections. If your program uses StrandVise devices on challenge courses, it’s a good idea to talk to your vendor about alternatives. You may need to budget for and install replacement devices before your challenge course can pass inspection.