

SAFETY ALERT

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INCIDENT TITLE:

Radio Drop From Harness Pouch

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

Tuesday 19th September 2017

INCIDENT DETAIL :

A radio disengaged from the latch lock on a Python radio holster and fell out onto a turbine platform 20 meters below causing the radio to break. The radio holster was securely fixed to the harness at the time. No one was working below and a drop zone was in place



Photo 1 Holster with no stop knot

INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :

The initial response was to call out 'below' as per SOP's. The team climbed down and recovered the broken parts of the radio. It was then reported to the Site Manager.

An investigation has identified two other separate incidents in the past two years where radios have fallen out of various types of similar radio holsters. Human error was identified in one of these events and the other the root cause is inconclusive.

Further examination of the holster has identified that the retaining adjustment button can be pulled through if a stop knot has not been tied at the end. This could result in the radio not being secured with the potential to fall out.

LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:

The "Stop the Drop" Campaign that Meridian recently rolled out has seen an improvement in the tethering of tools and equipment which is pleasing.

The Python radio holsters were trialed and introduced into Wind to prevent radio's dropping from height. The stop knot was not commonly known across all sites.

Recommendations:

- Immediately inspect all radio holsters to ensure they have a stop knot in the correct place to retain the radio securely.
- Ensure a buddy check is carried out prior to any working at height.
- Ensure induction for any contractors/new starts/visitors who are given a radio/radio holster have been given the instruction on its application

PHOTO:

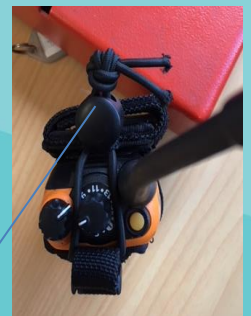


Photo 2 Holster with stop knot

The Corporate Safety and Health Team are currently working on systems to support the above learnings. If interested in viewing the full investigation report for this incident, it can be found in:

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