

SAFETY ALERT

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INCIDENT TITLE:

Unexpected release of fall arrest lanyard from double action hook from dorsal attachment point

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

1400 hrs Wednesday 2nd Dec 2015

INCIDENT DETAIL :

During working at height training, a Wind Technician was undertaking a ladder rescue approximately 6-7 meters up. His dorsal double action hook managed to unlock itself from the dorsal attachment point on his harness.

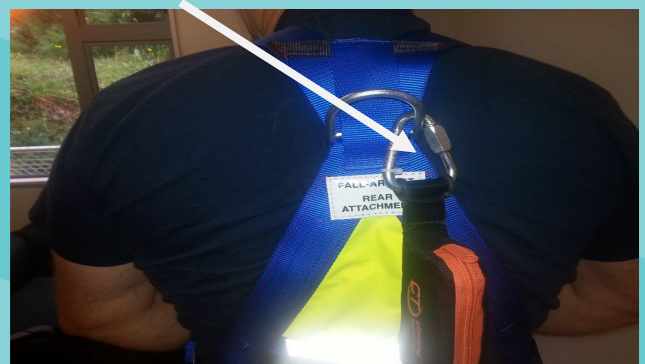
As his back made contact with the tower the hook became disengaged from his harness. This resulted in the technician having no protection in an event of a fall.

The technician had 4 points of contact to the ladder at the time.

LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:

As a precautionary measure it was agreed to remove all the double action hooks of this type until the investigation is complete.

The Wind Asset Maintenance team will be using the triangle malleon attachment configuration until further notice. As shown below:



INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :

Once the technician realised he had become unattached, he engaged his slider onto the fall arrest system and descended safely down the ladder. He de-attached for less than 5 seconds.

An investigation is currently under way.

PHOTO:

Hook to be removed and tagged out. Do not use until further notice.



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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