

SAFETY ALERT

Shared Learning's

INCIDENT TITLE:

The importance of the pre use check on all service lifts

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

14/10/2016

INCIDENT DETAIL :

During a planned visit to a Siemens Wind Turbine at West Wind Wellington NZ. A Meridian Technician was carrying out the pre use inspection on a Skyman Tower Hoist/lift type TH250 A. During the inspection the safety brake was identified as slipping and as a result failed its pre use check. The service hoist was then locked and tagged out.

LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:

This incident has reiterated the importance of the 'Pre Use Check'. Whether it be on a service lift or any other piece of plant or equipment that has significant risks. The purpose of this inspection is to identify whether work equipment can be operated safely – with any deterioration detected and remedied before it results in a health and safety risk. The result of the inspection should be recorded and this record should be kept for that equipment. Lock out tag should be applied to any failure of the pre use check. Without this pre use check you are increasing your own and your team's risk.

INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :

It was identified that the hoist had just undergone a service three days earlier from a Skyman hoist authorized technician. The Skyman authorized agent was immediately notified and is currently working with Meridian staff to find the root cause.

PHOTO:

Safety Brake found in SKYMAN TH 250 Service Hoist.



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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