

Wood pole rescue training near miss

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Applicable to	All employees

OVERVIEW



There has been a near miss while colleagues were undertaking wood pole rescue training.

The LORY Pro (descender device) failed to arrest the fall at a controlled rate resulting in the secondary protection (i.e. the inertia reel) activating to arrest the fall.

While an investigation is ongoing, the following action is required:

Always ensure secondary protection is in use when working at height or carrying out work at height rescue training.

Always ensure equipment has been maintained and inspected as outline in per 'CP308 working at heights' and 'CP684 use, inspect and maintain ancillary equipment'. Inspected equipment must display the appropriate coloured inspection tag as follows:



ARRANGEMENT OF INSPECTION & ASSOCIATED COLOUR CODE

COLOUR CODE	DATES VALID FROM/TO
Red	January 1 st to March 31 st
Yellow	April 1 st to June 30 th
Blue	July 1 st to September 30 th
Green	October 1 st to December 31 st

Working at height is one of our high-risk activities

- You must only use rescue kits that have been inspected and appropriately tagged.
- Inspect them before use, after use and every three months.
- Quarantine and replace them if damaged or out of date for inspection.