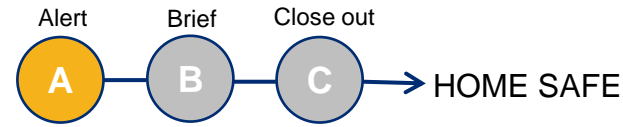


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Fall From Height



Date of Incident	06/12/2023		Directorate	Operations SHEPD	
Region	North Caledonia	Location	Cabrach, Huntly	Classification	Contract Partner RIDDOR
What happened ?					
<p>Our contract partner operatives were in the process of completing upgrade works to an 11kV line at Cabrach, near Huntly. Two operatives were working at the pole location and were completing work required to reconductor the line.</p> <p>After finishing a section of work, a decision was made to stop for a lunch break. The operative working up the pole proceeded to descend, and on their initial steps down lost their footing. They were wearing their harness and pole choker (Climbsafe) however when they lost their footing, the pole choker did not engage to arrest the fall.</p> <p>As a result, the operative fell approximately 5m to the ground below, suffering pain around the back area and they did not want to be moved. An ambulance was called and attended the scene. The operative was subsequently transferred to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and it has been confirmed that they have a fractured pelvis.</p> <p>The investigation into the incident is currently ongoing. In the meantime, can we reinforce the requirement to ensure that all personal fall arrest equipment is in good condition, and used correctly – ensuring that pole chocking devices are suitably adjusted at all times when ascending and descending poles.</p>					

