

Safety Alert

Staff Member Falls from Deck of Truck

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Vault No. 5483

Background

A staff member was in the process of tying down a power pole with ratchet chain equipment. While applying force to tighten the ratchet he has inadvertently lost balance, causing him to topple over the sideboard of the truck deck and fall 1.2m to the ground. Due to the awkward nature of the fall, he has regrettably suffered a fracture to the lower leg.

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Next Steps

We have started an investigation into this incident and will be reaching out to other industry partners who undertake similar work tasks.

We are interested in review work design and hard controls for working on the deck of a Lines Truck. For example:

- Layout of truck decks
- Different techniques, equipment, and anchor points for tying down poles
- Fall protection systems for working on truck decks
- Periodic maintenance checks of ratchet load binders / tie down devices

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