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Crossarm Landed on Foot

WHAT HAPPENED?

A pole replacement worker was on a HT (heavy traffic) trailer releasing a bandit strap from a bundle of crossarms. As the strap was cut and released, one of the crossarms moved, nudging the worker off the trailer, falling approx. 1 metre onto the ground. A crossarm also fell and landed on their foot. HT trailer had been towed to site by a service provider owned and operated crane truck.



Typical banded bundle of Horizontal Line Post Crossarms

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

The worker moved the crossarm off their foot and was helped by the Supervisor. The foot was checked and there was no injury.

ROOT CAUSE

The crossarm bundle was not unloaded using the crane truck, resulting in the worker having to access the trailer to remove the bandit straps from the crossarms, so they could be unpacked.

LEARNINGS

- Crossarm bundles are to be off-loaded to the ground prior to removing straps by crane truck.
- Stored energy can be present when transporting heavy equipment and hardware.
- Workers to stand clear of equipment when removing straps so not to be in direct path of any stored energy if it were to be released.
- An additional review is being undertaken to explore further solutions to manage this risk.

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