

SHEQ ALERT: LESSONS LEARNED



Control the Load, Control the Risk

DATE OF INCIDENT	04/03/2026	ALERT ID	AL-LL-133953
LOCATION	South	EVENT NUMBER	VEN-EVT-29893
SECTOR/PROJECT	Lines	CLASSIFICATION ACTUAL	Minor
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WHAT HAPPENED?

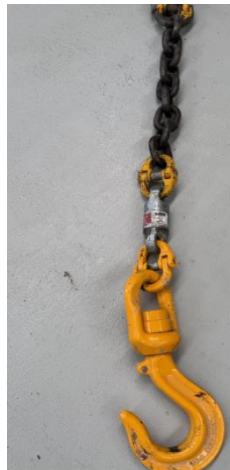
A helicopter was transporting a compressor and concrete skip as a combined load. During flight, the load shifted, breaking the safety catch and causing the concrete skip to detach. The skip fell into an uninhabited forest area. No injuries or property damage occurred.

WHAT ARE THE LESSONS LEARNED

1. **Check your gear** — all lifting equipment must be inspected, calibrated, and confirmed serviceable before use.
2. **One load, one sling** — never share strops between loads to avoid shifting, imbalance, or release.
3. **Rig it right** — verify secure attachment, appropriate load rating, and correct configuration before lift-off.



Helicopter carrying singular load



Hook with missing safety catch



Missing sheath on lifting line

AUDIENCE

- Personnel involved in Rigging Operations

RESOURCES

- [Pre-Lift Checklist](#)
- [Lifting Operations Guide](#)

FOR ACTION

- **Review** advice and action at your site.
- **Share** with workers (eg. Toolbox Talks and WHS Committees).
- **Display** on your site noticeboards.

Safety is our licence to operate. Stay safe and take care.