TRANSPOWER

FIRST ALERT

Worker Struck by Dropped Object Requiring Stitches

Type of Injury – Medical Treatment Injury (MTI)

Worker struck by dropped podger causing laceration to forehead requiring stitches.

What happened

Two workers were re-straightening insulators on a transmission tower and preparing to remove earthing equipment. One worker was positioned approximately 4 metres above ground while a second worker on the ground passed up the earth stick.

As the worker aloft reached down to receive the earth stick, his lanyard became caught on a podger carried in his tool belt, dislodging it. The podger fell from height and struck the ground worker on the forehead between his hard hat and safety glasses, causing a laceration.

The injured worker received first aid at the worksite before being transported to hospital, where he received five stitches to his forehead.

Potential Consequence

A more serious head or eye injury.



Tower being worked on



Podger

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