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Issue 01

FUSE CARRIERS STORED AT HEIGHT

OVERVIEW

During a period of bad weather in December 2025, a set of three PC400 pole mounted fuse carriers fell from an LV pole and struck a member of the public on the head.

The fuses had been secured by a cable tie which had broken, causing all three units to fall as a cluster, striking the injured person just above the eye.

With immediate effect, PC400s and Blank Carriers shall not be suspended at height using cable ties.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- When securing spare fuse carriers or blanks at height, do not use cable ties.
- Where fuse carriers are found with cable ties as a method of securing, these shall be removed and replaced with a more secure method, using screw in pigtails
- Inspectors discovering cable ties being used to secure fuse carriers/blanks shall record this as a defect, so that these can be replaced.

DETAIL

As a member of the public was walking past a pole mounted open point, a set of three fuse carriers suspended at height suddenly fell, striking them on the forehead and causing a deep cut.

The fuse carriers had been secured using a cable tie which had weakened over time and broken.

Plastic cable ties are susceptible to deterioration and likely to fail after exposure to weather and UV light. They are designed to bunch cables into clusters and are not suitable to suspend loads.

Screw in pigtails have successfully been trialled at the Training School and can be ordered via logistics: - 13380G HOOK COACHSCREW PIGTAIL M10 ABC

Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	**X**	1 week		2 weeks		1 month
Additional communication (X)		Learning points	**X**	1st 15	**X**	Team Brief slide

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