SHE ALERT
Fall From Height

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Date of incident:	10/07/2026		Directorate	Networks - SHEPD	
Region	Large Capital Delivery	Location	Skye	Classification	Reportable Injury

What happened ?

Around lunch time, the operator of the 50T crane was descending from the crane cab to take their break.

The operator descended the upper ladder without issue. While backing down the lower ladder and maintaining contact with the purpose-built handrails, their foot slipped from one of the upper rungs.

The sudden loss of footing caused the operator to fall directly onto the bottom platform, they landed heavily on their right foot which resulted in a fracture dislocation of the right ankle.

Following the incident, the emergency response procedure was initiated immediately, and was taken to hospital.

As we investigate further, please consider the following points:

- Be aware of the hazards and plan scan and adapt while ascending and descending vertical ladders.
- Ensure that all surfaces are suitable to prevent slips.
- Make sure that high standards of housekeeping are always maintained.

Additional good practices can be found in the Ladder and Steps risk card and the Working at Height film (1min 44sec)

