



Portable generator rolls down side of hill

WHAT HAPPENED?

When a tower painting crew arrived at a site to carry out mag drilling, they found the tower was 50 meters down a steep hill with no vehicle access.

To supply power to the tower, a generator was placed on the top of the hill, near the edge of the slope. While in use the generator moved due to vibration and rolled down the hill, coming to rest approximately 30 metres from the tower.

There were no injuries or spills as a result of this incident.



IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN

- Generator switched off
- Generator checked to ensure no fuel or oil was leaking from it
- Generator removed from site

ROOT CAUSE

Hazard Awareness / Identification:

Not recognising the potential for the generator to vibrate sideways and roll down the hill.

LEARNINGS

- Carry out a step back 5 x 5 to identify potential hazards related to the task
- Pick a suitable and secure location to place machinery