



Safety Alert

CONTRACTOR UNRESTRAINED WHILE WORKING ON ROOF

Date of Incident: Monday 16th January 2017

What happened?

A Subcontractor Employee was applying a slow release roof cleaner using a long reach lance and nozzle on the Line Depot Building at Hamilton Substation. The Employee accessed the roof to complete the application without putting edge protection or a fall restraint harness anchor system in place to provide protection in the event of a slip or fall.

The choice to access the roof was made because the Mobile Scaffold that was intended to be used had been forgotten and left at the Subcontractor’s depot.

The SSSP for this work clearly stated that a Mobile Scaffold was to be used to provide sufficient height and reach to complete the application safely without the need to access a roof that had no permanent anchor points installed.

Immediate action required:

The Subcontractor was told to cease work immediately and get down from the roof safely.

Actions to Prevent Reoccurrence:

A pre-start checklist process has been created by the Subcontractor to record that Employees are taking the appropriate PPE and equipment for the task they will be undertaking. This will be completed as part of the pre-start toolbox meeting before the Employees head to site.

Transpower pre-start check list

JOB NAME JOB NO

ADDRESS

ALL GEAR HAS BEEN CHECKED AS FOLLOWS
Please Note: Form to be handed in prior to leaving for job.

ITEM	ACTION	TICK
PAPERWORK	INCLUDING SAFETY TRAINING SHEET AND MSDS	
Harnesses & Ropes	TAGGED AND CHECKED FOR CONDITION	
ELECTRICAL LEADS	TESTED AND TAGGED	
LADDERS	CHECKED AND TAGGED	
Vehicle and Trailers	WARRANT AND REGO	
EARTHING LEADS	TESTED, TAGGED AND COLOUR CODED	
CORRECT PPE	OVERALLS, HAT, GLASSES, SHOES AND GLOVES	
Wet Weather Gear	ENOUGH FOR ALL STAFF	
SAFETY MANUALS	ORANGE AND BLUE BOOKS	
HAZARD BOARD	MAKE SURE IN VAN	
Electrical Equipment	TESTED AND TAGGED	
Mobile Scaffold	VISUAL INSPECTION OF ALL PARTS AND TAGS	
SSSP	SIGNED AND UNDERSTOOD	

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REQUIRE COMPLETION

ITEM	COMPLETION	TICK

COMMENTS

INSPECTED BY DATE

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