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Linesman Fall from Ladder

A linesman suffered damage to his vertebra following a fall of approximately 4m from a ladder. Without prejudice to the investigation or any of the personnel involved, staff are reminded of the following:

1. When using a ladder against the side of a building both stiles (upright sections) **must** be in contact with the wall.
2. The flexible pole hoop on the top of the ladder is designed to allow the use of the ladder on a pole as detailed in section 5.4.2 in Standard Technique ST:HS7B/2.



Both stiles should be firmly touching the wall

The pole hoop is designed for use when the ladder is used to access a pole

All ladder work should be carried out as detailed in ST: HS7B/2 Relating to Procedures for the Inspection and Safe Use of Portable Ladders and Step Ladders & ST: HS7A/9 Relating to Attachment Systems and Equipment for Use When Working at Height.

This bulletin does not change any WPD Policies, Standard Techniques or the Distribution Safety Rules.