

**Accident while working aloft
on Wood Pole**

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SHIELD NUMBER	17891	Date of Incident	16-04-16
Incident Type	LTI - Fall from a height	Incident Rating	S2/P2

Incident Description

- An NT crew were replacing bare conductor with OBC and tying in new LV poles.
- Having climbed the new pole an NT was on his way down passing a D bracket with an aerial attached to it when he fell sideways and backwards.
- As a result the NT was suspended from his climbers.
- This resulted in a serious injury to both ankles.
- The incident is currently under investigation.
- This alert is a reminder to staff of the risks and control measures required while working aloft.

This Safety Alert is issued for advisory purposes and to promote learning & safety awareness within ESB Networks.



Auxiliary Belt shall always be engaged before the climb safe is disengaged at an obstruction.

What should I do?

Managers/ Supervisors

- Ensure all NT's that climb wood poles are briefed of this incident.

All Staff involved in Climbing Wooden Poles

- Ensure when climbing past an obstacle on a pole that the auxiliary rope Shall always be deployed and visibly confirmed that the Auxiliary Hook is engaged in the D Ring before the Climbsafe and Pole Rope is disengaged.
- When the obstacle is safely passed, re-engage the Pole Rope and Climbsafe visibly confirming the Pole Rope hook is engaged in the D Ring.
- Never disengage Climbsafe and auxiliary rope at the same time when working aloft.

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