



## Fall from Height

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, an Energy Networks linesman fell from height whilst using a ladder to access a pole.

Paramedics were called to site to administer first aid and the linesman was then taken to hospital for assessment and treatment.

A Panel of Inquiry is currently under way to determine the root cause and any contributory factors of the accident. Further information and any recommendations will be shared in due course.

Staff are reminded of the dangers of working at height and this Safety Express serves as a reminder to all of the controls to be deployed to keep safe.



## Working at Height Controls

**All Staff, if having to work on wood poles at height shall consider the following:**

- The first consideration shall be the use of a MEWP, “Mobile Elevated Work Platform”.
- However, if this is not reasonably practicable, then consideration shall be given to using an approved ladder (*which shall be stable and secure*).
- When at the top of the ladder immediately secure yourself to the pole by applying your choker.
- If either of the methods above are not reasonably practicable, then climbing irons and personal fall arrest equipment shall be used.
- Always apply a second point of attachment in addition to the positioning belt when at the work position.
- It is the operatives responsibility to ensure that climbing attachments are fully locked and engaged.
- All members of the working party to ensure correct procedures are followed.

***If you are unable to carry out an approved technique, STOP and seek further advice/assistance from your Line Manager, Supervisor or your Health and Safety Advisor***