

FOR ISSUE TO NETWORKS

SHE ALERT

COME-ALONG FALLING FROM HEIGHT

What happened?

A line team were erecting a new span of Arial Bundled Conductor (ABC) to an existing pole on our network. The pole top had been prepared and the ratchet puller connected to a strop and secured above the intended termination point. Our Linesman proceeded to connect his ABC “Come-Along” (a device used to secure and tension the cable) to the ratchet puller when it fell. During its decent, the come-along struck the ladder before striking a colleague on his hard hat whilst he was footing the ladder. Luckily, there were no injuries sustained as all members of the working party were wearing their correct PPE.



This incident is now under investigation and any learning points to be distributed when available. Initial outcomes point toward the “Come Along” dis-engaging from its securing hook as pictured above.

What action is required?

Managers/Supervisors

- Brief all colleagues on the risk of “Come-Along” equipment and the potential of this type equipment becoming detached from its ratchet puller.
- Ensure all colleagues are aware this equipment must be seated fully before releasing from your hand.
- Ensure all colleagues are complying with any exclusion zone requirements.

Everybody

- Ensure you secure all “Come Along” equipment in the hook of the ratchet puller firmly and check before releasing it from your hand.
- Take time and care to ensure nothing can fall from height.
- Ensure everyone adheres to exclusion zones.

Communication by (✓)	LSG	X	Notice board	X	Tool-box talk	X	Team brief	X
Communication complete by (✓)	1 week	X	2 weeks		1-month		2-months	

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