



Significant Injuries from Falls From Height

Over the last two months, we've had four Falls from Height incidents, two of which have sadly resulted in significant injury to our colleagues.

- 13/05/2020 – A Fitter fractures his wrist after falling approximately **1 metre** from a stepladder.
- 16/06/2020 - Tower Painter passed out whilst working at height. Rescue procedure carried out.
- 27/07/2020 – A 132kV Linesman's work position belt released whilst under tension, which resulted in the linesman falling approximately **1.5 metres** until the fall arrest deployed.
- 30/07/2020 – A 132kV Transmission Fitter was seriously injured (Spinal Injury, 2 Broken ankles and dislocated Hip) due to a fall from height of **2 metres** whilst carrying out routine maintenance activities on a transformer from a ladder.

While these investigation are ongoing, the below recommendations are an opportunity to **reinforce the need for you to be extremely diligent and vigilant in the way you carry out your duties**, so that you keep yourself and your colleagues safe.

Recommendations:

- Ensure you understand the risks associated with your Work at Height activity.
- Assess and control the risks. Never begin any Working at Height task if your START assessment highlights an uncontrolled risk or hazard.
- Only undertake work you are competent to do. If you're unsure STOP and seek advice from your Manager / Team Leader or Health and Safety Representative.

Action: SPEN Line Managers and Team Leaders

- Reinforce guidance on Scottish Power Energy Networks' (SPEN's) application to the requirements of the Working at Height Regulations 2005, highlighting generic working practices and Working at Height tasks as documented with the Health and Safety Handbook as a priority.
- <https://snsgroupdigital.co.uk/scottishpower-health-safety-handbook/>

