

SIGNIFICANT ELECTRICAL SAFETY INCIDENT ADVICE



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SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT ALERT

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Brief description of accident/incident (include voltage):

Contract Network Employee crushes fingers between truck tray and a wood pole.

A Contract Network Employee was given the task to transport a pole on a crane to a job location for erection. Using a truck-mounted crane the employee picked up a wood pole and set it down onto the left hand side out-riggers.

The employee then proceeded to raise and retract the left hand side out-riggers to secure the pole against the truck tray. To avoid being caught between the pole and crane, the employee crouched down low, placed his right hand on the "C" section of the truck tray, to maintain his balance, then operated the out-rigger controls with his left hand.

As the pole made contact with the truck tray, the fingers on the employee right hand were caught between the wood pole and the truck tray.

Extent of injury/damage:

Severed tip & crushed fingers on right hand.

Local action taken:

The use of out-riggers to transport poles to worksite locations must cease immediately.

Only approved methods of transporting poles shall be used.

System Service Co-ordinators are to ensure all personnel, including contractors under their control do not carry any poles on the outriggers of cranes.

Additional comments:

The employee chose to operate the out-rigger controls on the same side of the crane as the pole, thus creating an extremely hazardous work environment.

No discussion had taken place by the work team to use the right hand side out-rigger controls and place a safety observer on the left hand side.

Transporting poles on crane outriggers to work locations has been carried out over many years.

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