

# SIGNIFICANT ELECTRICAL SAFETY INCIDENT ADVISE



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### Brief description of accident/incident (include voltage):

A two-man crew had the task of changing a house-service from the Jarrah pole onto a new steel pole. The two Distribution Workers discussed the integrity of the pole and one of them thought the pole was not sound enough to climb. He then went and carried out another part of the job while the other Distribution Worker made a decision to remove the service conductor from the Jarrah pole.

The Distribution Worker who climbed the Jarrah pole removed the service lead but while he was descending the ladder, the pole broke at the base. Subsequently, he fell from the ladder and landed heavily on the ground.

The decision to climb the pole was made with the knowledge that the procedures listed in Field Instruction 3.2 Supporting Poles would not be followed. Consequently, there was no attempt to support the pole.

### Extent of injury/damage

The Distribution Worker injured his shoulder and suffered internal bruising when he fell 2 meters from the Jarrah pole.

### Local action taken:

The Distribution Worker is to undertake a program designed to improve his safety behaviour and manage his approach to hazards at work.

System Services Co-ordinators will brief their teams about the need to control hazards and not put themselves or others at risk due to shortcuts or negligent behaviour.

Technical Services will review Field Instruction 3.2 and ensure there is a common policy in its application.

### Additional comments:

Nil

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