

# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT ADVICE



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### Brief description of incident:

An Aurora Service Connections Officer fell to the ground from the top of a ladder (about 8- 10 metres) while preparing to run a service to a new installation at Dodges Ferry, a coastal town near Hobart.

### Extent of actual damage:

The employee suffered multiple injuries

### Estimate of potential damage:

The accident could have resulted in a fatality

### Local action taken:

The employee was taken to the Royal Hobart Hospital for assessment and then transferred to the Austin Hospital, Victoria.

The accident was reported to Workplace Standards Tasmania who in conjunction with Aurora are conducting a full investigation.

Although the circumstances of the accident are not fully available it appears that the pole strap clip may not have been engaged correctly. As such all Aurora employees have been reminded to fully check that both the safety and locking catches are fully engaged on the pole strap of harnesses and belts before applying weight to the strap.

### Implications for other worksites:

All employees who climb must maintain continual vigilance in relation to the proper inspection and use of their safety harnesses or belts and pole straps.

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