



## *Safety Advice 04-2013 (Apr)(NZ)*

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Electrix Limited Safety Alert dated 9 April 2013 concerns a significant incident (albeit minor injury) involving movement of a heavy tower section partially suspended and also supported by dunnage at ground level while assembly activity was underway. The incident is under investigation and any further information will be conveyed by supplementary advice as this becomes available.

The initial incident outline including contact details for further information follows.

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# safety alert

## Tower Assembly

### Electrix Event Number

E11132

### The Issue

Sprained ligament.



### What Happened

While assembling a tower crossarm on uneven ground (supported on dunnage). A crane was used to lift the crossarm to align the bolt holes. During the lift the dunnage moved sideways causing the steel to slide onto a line mechanic's right ankle which resulted in a sprained ligament. The line mechanic was tightening bolts on the assembly at the time of the event.

### Findings

Currently Under investigation

### Immediate Actions

Job was stopped, Construction Manager was notified.  
Hold point briefing conducted.  
Line mechanic was taken to hospital for examination  
Best practices for lifting loads discussed with team, guidelines issued to all tower crews.

### Root Cause

Currently Under investigation.

For further information please contact Rachel Leadbeater-Bailey TLS QSE Coordinator at 021-225-7489.

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