

Working around Suspended Loads

Prior to the Easter break, a Contractor's employee unloading BUSCK poles at a PowerNet site suffered a serious lower leg injury that required hospitalisation after a pole accidentally dropped on to his foot. Additionally, recent field audits have identified instances where the hazard of a suspended load has been pointed out to the work crew by the auditor.



It is vitally important that we remain vigilant at all times when shifting loads with cranes. The typical loads we move with a crane are heavy and will easily crush bones on legs or feet e.g. an 11m BUSCK poles weighs 1290kg.

What we all need to do:

1. Safe rigging practices keep us safe, so follow them every time
2. Ensure a clearly marked exclusion zone is established whenever cranes are lifting or moving loads
3. Staying out of the swing or drop zone will prevent serious harm should the load move or drop unexpectedly

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