



Worker struck on head by falling object (FA077)



Falling Objects

Incident	Description	
Event Date: 14/04/2024	Time: 10:30 am	Location: Thames
Investigation Status:	On-going	NP Reference: OCC13596

What happened?

A work crew were setting up a site in preparation for a pole replacement. An EWP was being used and as the bucket was being manoeuvred into position, it has caught up with one of the applied portable earths. This has caused the plastic tool caddy, which was mounted externally on the bucket to become dislodged and fall to ground. There was a worker passing underneath and he has been struck by the caddy on his safety helmet and shoulder. The impact has caused him to fall from his feet and land on the new pole that had been laid down nearby. His colleagues came to his aid and made the decision to call emergency services. The injured worker was taken to the nearby medical facility for assessment. He was released the same day and is recovering at home.

What could have happened?

The impact from an object falling from height could have resulted in a far more serious injury if a safety helmet was not being worn.

Actions Required / Messages:

Drop Zone/Exclusion Zone – Periodically check the drop/exclusion zone whilst working to ensure the area is clear.

Communication – Confirm the circumstances for allowing access into the drop zone and the communication protocol.

Supporting References:	Northpower SWMS-AC-001 Working at Heights
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