



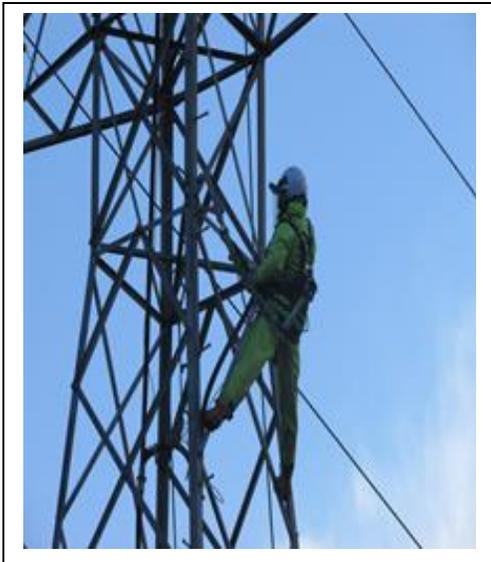
# FIRST ALERT

Date of Incident: 30/05/2016

Maximo Reference: 91677

## Blasting Strike

### EVENT



A tower painting employee was wet abrasive blasting using the air assisted (TORBO) method at 110psi. He was positioned in the body of the tower approximately halfway between the waist and third diaphragm on A.B face. The employee activated the blast unit by inserting the magnetic safety breakaway and depressing the switch. On coming up to pressure the hose flexed and he lost his grip. The hose dropped, falling backwards past him. The magnetic safety breakaway activated as designed but not before the blast stream (garnet, water and air) contacted the left cheek of his face behind his visor and in front of his balaclava. The employee immediately communicated to the site supervisor and climbed down off the tower.

### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- The employee immediately stopped work and communicated to the Site Supervisor that he had an incident and was able to descend unaided from the tower.
- The Supervisor shut down the site and the team administered first aid.
- Management travelled to site and transported the injured employee to hospital for assessment. The rest of the team were stood down for the balance of the day. The hospital cleaned the graze and cleared the employee to resume full duties.
- A detailed investigation (short form ICAM) is underway