



FIRST ALERT

9th August 2018

Dropped Object / Tool Bag Failure

On the BRK-SFD-B Earth wire dismantling project, a lineworker working aloft, placed a temporary attachment bracket in a tool bag. The base of the bag ripped and the bracket fell to the ground, damaging the access ladder at the base of the tower. The bag had existing damage to the vinyl base prior to the incident.

The linestaff on site had a carefully managed primary hazard and drop zone in place, so no staff were in danger of being hit by the falling bracket.

Had anyone been within the controlled drop zone, and had been struck, the incident had the potential to result in a serious injury.



Immediate actions

- The tool bags have been removed from service for inspection & repair.
- Solid bases are being retro fitted to the bags to avoid a repeat of the incident.
- Lines staff have been reminded to carefully check all equipment is fit for purpose prior to use.

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