

## Ascending/Descending Structures with Pole Steps

At PowerNet “Safety Always” is a value we take seriously. The risk of falling when climbing or descending structures is ever present and measures to prevent this have been implemented across the Industry.

A recent field audit highlighted that our people have been free climbing when transferring and climbing pole steps. This type of practice has the potential for serious harm to our workmates if the pole step fails, they slip, loose grip, or loose balance.



### What we all need to do:

1. Free climbing pole steps is not an accepted practice at PowerNet. Do not free climb poles when transferring onto or climbing pole steps.
2. Transferring from pole steps to other parts of the structure or vice versa will necessitate the use of the Secondary Pole Strap as per our FOPR-300 Second Point of Attachment procedure.

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