



# FIRST ALERT

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## SCAFFOLD POLE CARRY METHOD INSIDE SWITCHYARD NEAR MISS

As part of the works on one of the substation site buildings, PI was offloading 3.2m scaffold poles, (to build a mobile tower scaffold) passing in vicinity of live 220kV conductor.

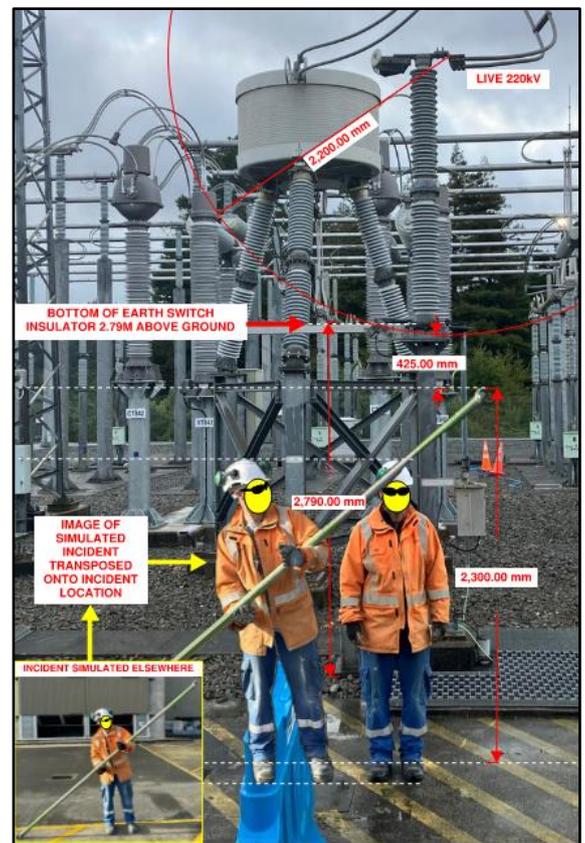
Five poles were being carried across his chest, sitting on both forearms. The top pole slid sideways to the ground, tilting the load. This raised the other end of the pole to a height of approx. 2.3m.

The underside of the 220kV earth switch insulator is 2.79m above the ground.

A nearby worker saw the incident and alerted PI to the risk of what had happened given proximity to live 220kV conductor.

### Immediate actions

- Other worker intervened and discussed minimum approach distances.
- Scaffold pole carry method changed to no more than one pole in each hand below shoulder height. Long poles require two persons per pole.
- Supervisor and management notified, near miss report lodged, investigation underway.



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