

Temporary Tower Incident

EVENT



On Wednesday 17 August a Line worker was seriously injured when a temporary tower structure (Lindsey tower) fell.

The conductors were being removed from the temporary structure at the time in preparation to transfer the conductors to a newly installed permanent structure.

The worker who was in a work position at the top of the tower fell with the tower. He suffered multiple breaks to both arms and a leg. Following surgery he is in a stable condition in recovery in Waikato Hospital.

Investigations are underway to determine the cause of the incident.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Until further notice Lindsey structures are not to be climbed.
- If temporary (Lindsey) structures are to be deployed work methods shall be designed to prevent workers from ascending the structure.
- Secondary holding mechanisms (safety rigs) are being installed to the guy wires on the remaining Lindsey tower at Ruakura.



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