



# *Safety Advice 27-2013 (Sept) (NZ)*

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The enclosed Safety Alert 27-2013 - courtesy of Electrix and Transpower highlights wind hazard effects and the importance of anticipating these.

The full safety advice follows below

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## Wind Against Work

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Staff identified that tools had been left in a raised work position and made a plan to remove them. A ladder was leant against the equipment and the tools were safely retrieved.

When staff were packing away the tools a gust of wind blew the unattended ladder over and into an un-commissioned circuit breaker. A gauge was damaged which led to an SF6 gas escape.

Three additional near misses have been raised identifying 'wind' as a contributing factor.

The team in Dunedin stopped the job as wind gusts affected working aloft, sheet materials became momentarily airborne in Taupo, staff assisted to retrieve a hard hat that had been blown from the wearers head and dust blown across the worksite entered the eye of a work mate in Wairakei.



### Team NZ in action

Any of us that are familiar with the phrase 'Wind against tide' or are following the Americas Cup understands the often dramatic effects of the wind on the situation.

Do not underestimate the hazards associated with the wind.

- Plan your work, take a wind meter when working aloft
- Remember to look at the weather during your hazard ID process.
- Use the team and put controls in place.
- Reassess the hazards and the controls, make sure the steps taken are still effective.

Remember to tie off unattended ladders or take them down. Identify materials that could be affected. Wear your safety glasses and use a chin strap to prevent your hard hat from becoming an unwanted distraction.

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