



Safety Alert – SA249

Head Injury due to lack of PPE

This Alert is applicable to:

Northpower Fibre		Transmission		Wider Business	√
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Date of issue: 21/11/2014

Incident	Description
<i>Date of Event</i>	07/11/2014
<i>Location</i>	76 Three Mile Bush Road, Kamo in Whangarei
<i>Time</i>	11:55
<i>Injuries/Damage sustained</i>	Open wound to forehead
<i>Event Description</i>	<p>Whilst undertaking a Fibre Installation the installer was running conduit at the base of a wall. The installer found whilst leaning over their hard hat was falling off so the installer removed it and continued working.</p>  <p>The hard hat was fitted with a chin strap but was not being worn correctly.</p> 

The installer then began fastening a conduit to a vertical section of the wall. The installer stood up from a crouched position and came in contact with sharp corner of Fascia Board.



Initial Actions Taken

Applied compression to wound and notified NPSAFE and Manager. IP sought Medical attention which resulted in stitches.

Actions Required / Messages

Always ensure you are wearing the correct PPE for the task you are performing. Ensure your hard hat has a chin strap fitted and you wear it where required.

[PPE Procedure Link](#)

SM-EI Reference

Refer to SMEI Part1and 2 (Orange Booklet) Section 13 Personal Protective Equipment – 2.1303 Safety Helmets (Hard Hats)

[SMEI Link](#)

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