

SERIOUS INCIDENT ALERT

SERIOUS INCIDENT	High Potential Near Miss
SUBJECT	Struck - Overhead Powerline
INCIDENT DATE	21 st November 2018
BUSINESS UNIT	

1. WHAT HAPPENED?

A truck was delivering a load.

After the load was successfully unloaded, the driver proceeded to lower his tray and drive out. He stopped briefly to talk to a loader operator.

After their brief conversation, the truck driver proceeded to exit the plant but the tray, which was not fully lowered, caught the overhead power line (insulated 240V) and ripped it from its anchor points at the power pole.

The truck driver got out of his truck and informed the loader operator of the incident. They notified the plant manager and both stayed clear of the fallen line.



2. WHAT DID YOU DO ABOUT IT

- Both operators left the area and cordoned it off so no one else was exposed to the fallen power line.
- Site supervisor was notified.
- Electricians de-energized the line and subsequently reconnected the line.
- Investigation commenced.
- A plan was put in place to bury existing power lines underground where practicable and put physical protection in place to for the remaining overhead power lines

3. IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

- Undertake an inspection of all Branches, Depots, Yards & projects
 - Identify any potential risk relating to striking Overhead or underground utilities.
 - Put in place controls for the risk identified using Hierarchy of control.
 - Confirm this has been completed.
 - Provide resource and assurance to monitor the effectiveness of the controls implemented
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