



Safety Alert

INCIDENT TITLE: Mighty Evac failure

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT: 01/10/2019

INCIDENT DETAIL

During confined space rescue training we were winching a person up out of a Piezometer Hut using the mighty evac. During this process the Mighty Evac failed to hold in the winch/rescue mode and the person free fell approx. 500mm before we got the winch under control.

No injury occurred to the person.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This particular winch had already been repaired a few years ago for the same reason where it was found it had slipped a tooth on the gearing.

The winch has been removed from service and will be removed from the rescue kit permanently.

BEST PRACTICE

Always check all equipment prior to use.
Tag out clearly any defective equipment and remove from the work area.

PHOTOGRAPHS



IMMEDIATE INTERIM ACTIONS

1. Tag out and remove from service defective winch – Civil Team Leader.
2. Issue safety alert – civil and Safety team.
3. Receive and collate any feedback from other users of Mighty Evac – anyone who has this equipment to reply to this safety alert if they have had similar issues.
4. All other users of the Mighty Evac are to inspect for defects. Tag out and remove from service where necessary.

This Safety Alert is issued by the Corporate Safety & Health Team. For further information please contact:

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