

SAFETY ALERT

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INCIDENT TITLE:

HARNESSES CLIP

TIME AND DATE OF INCIDENT:

25/07/2014

INCIDENT DETAIL :

It was brought to the attention of the wind safety specialist on Friday 25th July 2014 that a waist strap clip on the Aspiring fall arrest harness had become disengaged while climbing over the main shaft.

Another Meridian employee on the same day discovered that his leg strap had become disengaged at some point and was left dangling freely.

In both reported events neither could be 100% sure if the clips were closed correctly in the beginning.

There was also another reported case at Te Apti 18th March 2014 of a leg strap dangling free.

This event was reviewed and investigated (Please see attached memo in Safety manager ID 249013)

The outcome of the investigation in short was the clip was not engaged correctly in the first place

LEARNINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS INCIDENT:

1. It is compulsory to carry out Buddy checks every time you wear your harness.
2. A Triple check procedure must be followed.
 - Personal check to ensure correctly located
 - Your buddy to check
 - Personal check again
3. This will be monitored over the next few weeks and if we can eliminate human error an action plan will then be put into place.
4. It is important to report all incidents and near misses, so any further events like those already identified can be investigated to determine the root cause and then take the appropriate action.

INITIAL RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES :

PHOTO:



The Corporate Safety and Health Team are currently working on systems to support the above learnings. If interested in viewing the full investigation report for this incident, it can be found in:

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