

Shared Learning

Work at Height

Dropped Battery Drill

What happened?

During the first week of a planned station outage a battery drill was dropped from a work platform. The area was usually a “non-hard hat” area.

Tool box talks were held to discuss the incident and the decision was made to make it a designated hard hat area.

Another dropped object occurred a few weeks later.

Hydro Generation Site

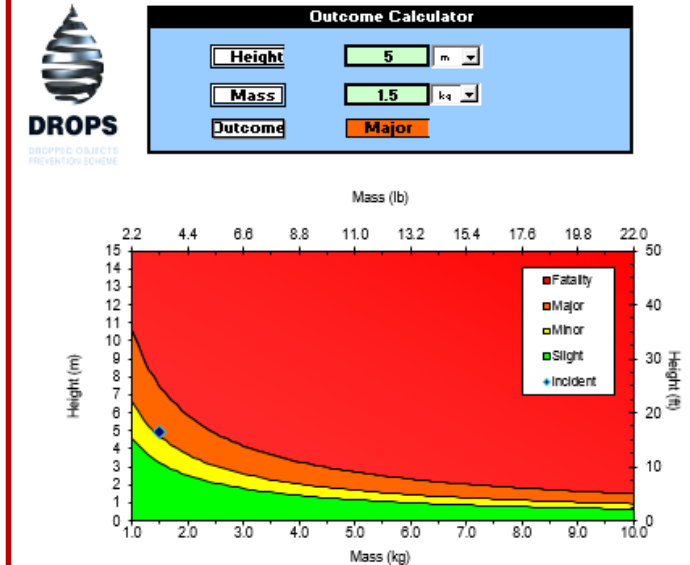
What did we learn?

If an object can drop there is a chance it will. As such, always:

- Use hand tool lanyards when working at height.
- Maintain the exclusion zone.

A shared learning exercise around this incident with teams working or exposed to work at height is recommended.

The potential consequence of impact of a dropped object on a person in full PPE can be calculated using this tool.



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