

# SAFETY ALERT



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- Ensure you include a summary of the event and key safety messages in the email itself.
- **Site Owners/People Leaders/H&S Reps:** please discuss this Safety Alert with your team as soon as practical.

## What happened

A contractor at Te Apiti Windfarm was cleaning one of the levels in a turbine. He bent down and his radio fell out of the holster. It hit the closed hatch, then fell down the turbine, approx. 18m. No one was working below.

## Important information & safety reminders

- The radio holster was checked after the event and the elastic cord holding the radio was too long. When the securing catch moved, it created a gap that allowed the radio to fall. See photos following.
- This is a great opportunity to highlight that the cord should be as short as possible to secure the radio in place.
- This also resulted in closer inspections being carried out on all holsters, highlighting another area of potential wear.
- It was great that the holster was being used, and that the hatch to the lower level was closed. These are key safety precautions in place for working in turbines safely.

## What is happening post-event

- Radio holster checks will be included in monthly harness checks.

## Questions to prompt discussion:

- Could this event have happened at our site?
- What are the key controls/actions/processes we have in place to ensure this doesn't happen?
- Are there any weaknesses, or opportunities to improve, those controls?
- How comfortable does everyone feel with how we manage this type of risk?

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