

SAFETY ALERT

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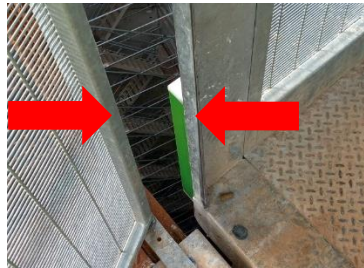
Dropped Radio in Shaft

What happened?

Whilst a member of the site team was entering the hoist to travel down the shaft to access the London Power Tunnel site at Eltham, the two-way radio he had clipped into his bottom jacket pocket, became caught and fell through a gap (approx. 75mm) between the enclosed platform and the lift.

The radio fell 42 metres to the bottom of the pit shaft, but fortunately there were no persons at the shaft bottom at the time.

GAP between Landing & Lift



The hoist, designed for up to 10 persons is fully enclosed, but the gap allows for the movement and safe operation of the lift.

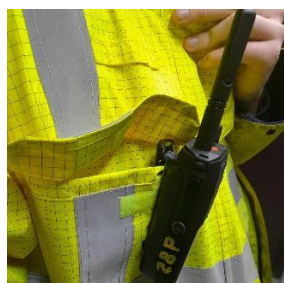
Preventative actions to be taken

It is important that personnel do not carry small loose items, that could be dropped, when accessing the lift

When carrying small items in pockets of clothing, ensure they are in pockets that are zipped up

Radios should be clipped to the designated tab on clothing rather than carried or placed in pockets

Use bags or suitable containers to carry loose items



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