

Dropped object during lifting operations

SAFETY ALERT

Description of incident:

During deck lifting operations, as the banksman was providing final instructions to the crane operator, the load handler looked up and observed the hoist rope very close to an antenna which was fixed to a handrail on the Heli-deck access platform.

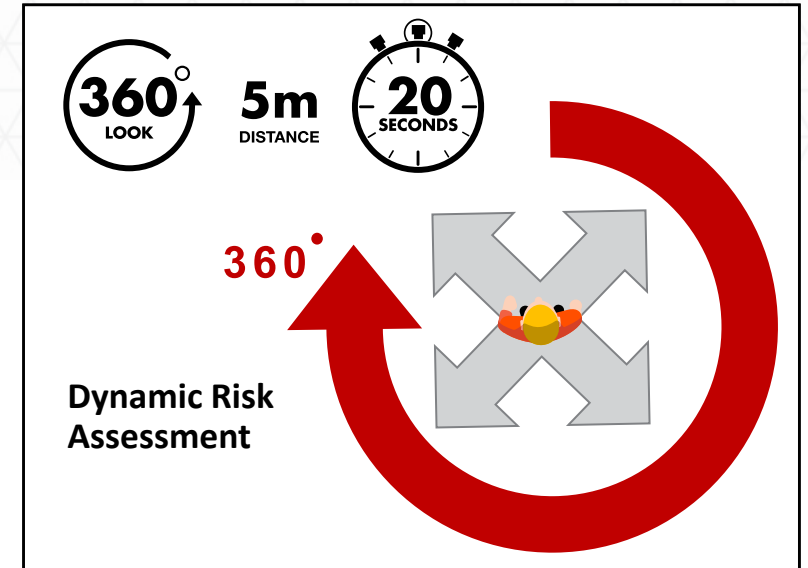
The load handler alerted the banksman of the hoist rope proximity to the antenna. Immediately after this communication the antenna weighing 13.3Kg fell 21 meters to the deck landing 4.5 meters from where the banksman was positioned. No injuries were sustained.

Good practice:

- Ensure lifting teams are fully aware of the potential overhead hazards for their site and that suitable controls are in place
- Ensure a lifting operations risk assessment is carried out - specific to each lifting operation
- Continuously dynamically risk assess the worksite

Useful resources:

- [Lifting & Mechanical Handling Guidelines](#)
- [Safe Working Essentials Toolkit](#)



Outcome Calculator		
Height	21	m
Mass	13.3	kg
Outcome	Fatality	2738.98 Joules