

SHERRIN VEHICLE-MOUNTED 16m EWP MODEL NO. 16DPM52



Plant affected.

Sherrin vehicle mounted 16m EWP model No. 16DPM52 AU

What Happened.

On Thursday the 17th of September a Powercor employee was operating a hired Sherrin TES16 Elevated Work Platform (EWP) to complete pole replacement works.

As the employee was lowering the EWP basket, the compensating rod has failed and as a result the EWP basket entered into an uncontrolled fall of approximately two (2) metres. The fall stopped when the EWP boom landed on the boom stowing bracket. The employee was correctly wearing his safety harness and was attached and remained within the EWP basket during the fall.

Containment measures.

The ETU strongly recommends that all EWP's of this model immediately be tagged out and classed as unfit for service until checked by an independent expert in this type of plant and deemed safe for use, in writing.

Although not currently a contributing factor we take this opportunity to remind all members that comprehensive pre start checks and inspections must be undertaken on all plant and equipment prior to use of any kind.

If any employer refuses to act in accordance with the above advice please contact your ETU Organiser immediately. The ETU strongly advises that the piece of plant in question should be tagged out until it is deemed safe in writing by an expert in the field.

Further updates will be provided as more information comes to light.

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