



QRS SAFETY ALERT

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Traversing Under Power Lines

Incident

On 12 February a QRS employee was tracking an excavator to a worksite. The excavator tracked under power lines and the boom contacted the power lines causing a power outage. A spotter was used but failed to stop or warn the operator before the power lines were contacted.

Contributing Factors,

Preliminary findings indicate that:

- The operator misjudged the height of the boom when travelling under the power lines.
- The spotter did not have radio communications with the operator.
- The spotter had not received spotter training.

Required Actions

- All daily toolbox meetings for sites where plant is required to walk under power lines must include a reminder of the dangers of contacting power lines.
- Spotters and plant operators must have reliable radio communications when undertaking tasks where a spotter is required.
- All QRS staff undertaking spotter duties will be required to complete spotter training.

Please read, print this Safety Alert and discuss with staff at your daily tailgate meeting and at weekly shed meeting.

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