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## INDUSTRY FLASH

### *Elevator Shaft Fall*

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September a maintenance electrician was severely injured after falling 2.7 metres down an open elevator shaft.

Investigations by the company and government agency are continuing but what is known is that there was maintenance work being conducted on an elevator at a tissue machine. The electricians were utilising the override key to access inside the elevators doors and shaft, from the first floor. It appears that the override key may have become jammed in the lock and during the efforts to remove it the electrician fell into the shaft, landing on the roof of the elevator which was at ground level.

The electrician has fractures to the skull, cheekbone, jaw and eye socket and remains in hospital.

Once the investigation is complete and findings are released a detailed Industry Alert will be produced and circulated.

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