

Near-miss: Poorly secured load during lifting operations

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A member has reported an incident in which equipment being back-loaded was found to be incorrectly and unsafely secured.

What happened?

The incident occurred during demobilisation of a third-party winch and running line monitor power supply unit (RLM PSU). It was noticed when this equipment was returned to the third party base that the RLM PSU had been secured to the winch frame using polypropylene rope in an unsafe manner. This could have resulted in the power pack becoming a potential dropped object or being damaged in transit.

Our member's investigation drew the following conclusions:

- There was no identified storage area for the RLM PSU prior to the backload taking place. Appropriate storage areas should be identified for all third party equipment.
- Third party equipment such as the RLM PSU should be correctly packaged and secured before equipment load out/backload.
- All items should be thoroughly checked before lifting to ensure that appropriate securing arrangements are in place.

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