

## BODY BELTS SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

### 1. GENERAL

1.01 This section replaces Issue 2. It has been rewritten to include information relative to keeping the Dee rings of body belts clear of all tools and materials other than the snap hooks of the safety strap.

### 2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

2.01 The following precautions should be observed when using body belts.

- (a) Wear body belts and safety straps at all times when working aloft on poles (including stepped poles), cable cars, aerial platforms, truck ladder platforms (when chains are not used), other ladder platforms, and ladders lashed to strand.
- (b) Do not fasten an uncoiled handline directly to a belt or to tools hanging on a belt when climbing or working on a pole. Either of following two methods provide a safe means of carrying or supporting an uncoiled handline aloft.
  - (1) Form the end of the handline into a loop and place the loop in the handline carrier.
  - (2) Form the end of the handline into a bight and tuck the bight up under the body belt.

If the handline should be caught on either an obstruction or a passing vehicle, and the handline is attached by either of the above methods, the handline will be pulled free and the workman will not be pulled off the pole.

- (c) Never punch extra holes in a body belt.
- (d) Do not use the body belt to assist in piking poles. In the event that the workman slips or stumbles, the pike pole may slide down between the belt and the body and cause serious injury.
- (e) **Never place or carry tools or materials, other than the snap hooks of the safety strap, in the Dee rings of the body belt.** These items should be carried in the standard manner, i.e. using holsters or other approved carriers. **Foreign materials in Dee rings may prevent proper engagement of the snap hooks in the Dee rings or give false indication of snap hook engagement.**