

BELL SYSTEM PRACTICES
Outside Plant Construction
and Maintenance

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BODY BELTS
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. GENERAL

1.01 This section replaces Issue 1. It has been rewritten to include reference to the B Handline Carrier, a device which may be attached to a body belt and used for securing one end of a rope while climbing a pole.

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, splicers' and other aerial platforms, and ladders lashed to strand or otherwise secured.

(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.