



Safety recommendation no. 168

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Safety deficit	<p>On 2 June 2021 at 13:30, an employee was knocked off a cable car tower by the running gear of the downhill cable car while cleaning work on the cable saddles was being set up. He fell about 50m down into snow two metres deep and was seriously injured.</p> <p>A worker fell from a cable car tower on 2 June 2021 in Pontresina having made an involuntary movement as a result of a knee problem, and which meant he got too close to the passing running gear of a cable car and was pushed off the work platform. The following contributed to the accident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparatory work was carried out while the cable car installation was in operation.• There was no comprehensive process or specifications in place for securing the work site as the cable car approached. <p>The following risk was identified during the investigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Because a work area was supposedly secured by railings, the wearing and use of personal protective equipment against falls from a height was dispensed with. <p>The investigation established that the cable car industry has few specifications regarding securing a work site, especially during operation.</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>In its supervisory activities, the Federal Office of Transport FOT should check whether the cable car companies have suitable operational solutions in place to ensure safety at work sites during operation.</p>
Addressees	Bundesamt für Verkehr
Stage of the implementation	<p>Partially implemented. Safety Recommendation No 168 covers the points raised by the FOT for several years now about safety at work. In this respect, it is another good practical example for reviewing and discussing the FOT's implementation of safety recommendations without calling into question the responsibilities of SUVA and SECO in this area.</p> <p>In the next five years, this point will be reviewed at all cableway companies as part of regular safety monitoring (end: 2027).</p>
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p>Vorbericht Schlussbericht</p>