

Incident Summary (Reference #5581228) (Final)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION	Incident Date		February 15, 2016	
	Location		Whistler	
	Regulated industry sector		Passenger Ropeways- Above-surface ropeway.	
	Impact	Injury	Qty Injuries	0
			Injury description	N/A
			Injury rating	None
	Damage		Damage description	None
			Damage rating	None
Incident rating		Insignificant		
DESCRIPTION	Incident overview		It was reported to the BCSA that a person loaded onto a chairlift and dropped their pole on the load station platform. The person leaned forward to pick up their pole as other people on the chair were lowering the restraining device. The restraining device contacted the person leaning forward and began pushing the person forward out of the chair. Another person on the chair was able to hold onto the person being pushed out of the chair. The lift operator noticed the person hanging from the chair as it exited the load station. The operator initiated a normal stop. The operator and public in the area were able to hold a catchment net under the person hanging from the chair. The person dropped 6 meters into the center of the net.	
	Site, system and components		The person was riding an above-surface detachable four person chairlift at a ski resort. The chair moves slowly in the loading area then accelerates as it is leaving the load station. The chair that the person was hanging from came to a stop between chairlift towers #1 and #2.	
CONCLUSIONS	Failure scenario(s)		N/A	
	Facts and Evidence		N/A	
	Causes and Contributing Factors		N/A	