

Health & Safety from the ground

Seane Strickland, Health and Safety Inspector, Nokia Christopher Nell, Team Leader, DCN Nokia has designed a set of life-saving rules related to working at height, road safety and electrical work. Nokia has a zero-tolerance policy for not following these rules.

To help us understand the perspective of one of the people working on a deployment site, Nokia Health and Safety Inspector Seane Strickland chats with Christopher Nell, a Team Leader from our supplier DCN. The interview took place in South Africa.

Seane and Christopher are discussing working at height, Nokia's life-saving rules and the impact they have had on Christopher both personally and professionally.

Road Safety

Working at Height

Electrical Safety



Always wear a seatbelt in ANY vehicle. Required for everyone in the vehicle.



Always attach yourself and your equipment.



Do not work on any electrical system unless you are trained.



Do not drive distracted or tired. Take a break every two hours.



Always make sure that nobody enters the space below.



Always drive at a safe speed for road, traffic & weather conditions.



Seane: Chris, you mentioned using an AI machine-learning app to complete your risk assessments. How does that work?

Christopher: The AI app helps us identify hazards on site. It has safety control measures and also helps us save time on site.

Seane: Can you give us an example of how Nokia's life-saving rules have made a difference in your work?

Christopher: One of Nokia's life-saving rules is: 'Always attach yourself'. Last year, we had an incident on the tower. We were working at a height of 25 meters. One of the guys was climbing and he was going to work on the tower, but then he touched a brace and it gave away. He slipped but didn't fall, so I can say that the life-saving rules saved his life. He went safely home at the end of the day.

Seane: Has Nokia's focus on safety affected how you view safety in your personal life?

Christopher: Yes Seane, what I think of mostly is the safety belts when driving. I also remind my family to always put on safety belts. As for myself, I really want to state that I always keep to the speed limit.

Seane: Thank you for joining us today. And be safe.





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