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### Overview of event

It has been identified by the National Grid that B.A.S.E jumpers are illegally accessing tall transmission towers. Although there is limited direct evidence from the National Grid for this event, there is evidence available on the internet of B.A.S.E jumpers launching from transmission towers and numerous reports of sightings reported retrospectively to the National Grid, as well as other locations across the UK.

### Summary of learning

A current heightened risk of B.A.S.E jumping activities

Site specific risk information of suitable transmissions towers, can be shared with organisational NOL SPoCs by the National Grid, highlighting locations where these activities may take place.

### NOLUG Recommendations

The following recommendations have been made to address the identified issue:

Publish National Operational Learning Action Note highlighting the identified increase in risk of this incident type and share SSRI information provided by National Grid on transmission towers of significant height, to relevant SPoCs, which may encourage B.A.S.E jumping to take place.



### Recommended actions

- Publish National Operational Learning Action Note highlighting the identified increase in risk of

this incident type and share SSRI information provided by National Grid on transmission towers of significant height, to relevant SPoCs, which may encourage B.A.S.E jumping to take place.

It is also recommended that each fire and rescue service identify other foreseeable locations that may attract B.A.S.E jumping activities and where deemed necessary, carry out any Site-Specific Risk Information (SSRI) and or produce a risk management plan.

Locations are not limited to just transmission towers and other locations should be considered which make up the acronym of B.A.S.E

**B**uildings  
**A**ntennas  
**S**pans  
**E**arth

These may include buildings, other towers, bridges, cables and natural features such as hills or mountains.

- This Action Note will also be shared with other agencies via JOL.

### **Contact information**

NOL would be keen to hear of any further associated learning identified by fire and rescue services as a result of this Action Note. Please contact: [NOLmail@ukfrs.com](mailto:NOLmail@ukfrs.com)