

Incident Summary (Reference #5576711) (Final)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION	Incident Date		February 3, 2016	
	Location		Kamloops	
	Regulated industry sector		Above-surface ropeway	
	Impact	Injury	Qty Injuries	1
			Injury description	One person reported bruising and soreness on the right thigh and soreness on right side of the chest.
			Injury rating	Minor
	Damage		Damage description	None
			Damage rating	None
Incident rating		Minor		
DESCRIPTION	Incident overview		It was reported to BCSA that a person loaded a chairlift and caught his ski tip in the snow approximately 6.5 meters after the load area. This caused the ski to come off of his boot. The lift operator retrieved the ski and informed the person that the ski would be taken to the top by the following passengers on the chairlift. The person who lost his ski may not have heard or understood that his ski would follow with the next passengers. The person remained on the chair until approximately 32 meters after the load area where the person either jumped or fell from the chair approximately 4 meters to the snow below. The person had not lowered the chair restraining device.	
	Site, system and components		The person was riding an above-surface detachable four passenger chairlift at a ski resort. The chair is equipped with a restraining device intended to prevent persons from falling out of the chair. The chairlift was operating at a speed of 5 meters per second.	
CONCLUSIONS	Failure scenario(s)		N/A	
	Facts and Evidence		N/A	
	Causes and Contributing Factors		N/A	