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### 'Because it was there': Man scales 609-foot TV tower



A man sits at the top of the KIRO/7 TV tower on the top of Queen Anne Hill in Seattle. (Joshua Trujillo, Seattlepi.com)



Onlookers watch as the man climbs the tower.



A friend of the man yells at him to come down.

A 53-year-old man on Thursday climbed to the top of KIRO/7's Queen Anne transmission tower. The structure stands 609 feet high, according to building-facts website Emporis.com. A crowd of hundreds of onlookers, some clearly fearing that the man might jump, gathered on Queen Anne Avenue.

He later told a police officer that he scaled the tower "because it was there," a Seattle police spokesman said.

The man climbed to the top of the tower, which is four feet taller than the Space Needle but built on considerably higher ground. He sat at the

top for about 15 minutes, occasionally looking down, before climbing back down. When he neared the bottom, he paused and then started climbing up again, causing many in the crowd to yell at him to come down.

He eventually descended the tower, prompting applause among the spectators, and was taken into police custody unharmed.

The man is now spending time in a lower elevation: the King County Jail, where he was booked for reckless endangerment and criminal trespassing.

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