

Safety Reminder/Alert

Operative Electric Shock



An operative recently sustained superficial burns to his arms, his neck and face from a 415v underground cable whilst working to install a meter to a residential property.

Whilst all the correct procedures had been followed, the RA completed and the service clearly identified to be within the excavation wall but not exposed, the condition of the cable was unknown. During the installation process the operative was required to exert bodily pressure on the sidewall containing the service causing the aged cable to fail at the junction box. The resulting discharge entered the right forearm of the operative earthing through his body via his left forearm.

The asset provider was noted to be in the area undertaking a replacement scheme to aged cabling, however this was not considered as part of the RA.

Meter works to this location have been ceased and are being monitored, however all operatives are reminded to consider the potential risks and question the relevance of other asset providers operations in your proposed works vicinity. If in doubt consult your Supervisor and or DSA before proceeding further.

**Do not take the risk
THINK SAFE....ACT SAFE....BE SAFE....**

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