

An engineer fell backwards whilst pulling cables within a cable trench, resulting in a back injury.

What happened?

While removing redundant cable from a cable pit, two engineers were pulling the cable out, both holding the cable and a strap attached to the cable by means of nut and bolt.

In order to access the pit, the covers were removed along with two square floor tiles which are chipboard / metal.

The pit cover was leant against a wall close to the pit opening while the engineer sat on the floor with his feet in the cable trench.

The excessive force applied to remove the cable resulted in a swift release of the cable which caused the engineer to fall back against the tile that he had placed behind him resulting in an injury to his back.

Incident date: 11/03/2024

Location/Site:
Mannington 400kv Substation

Responsible ET department:
Asset Operations

Principal/Contractor:
Dale Power Solutions Ltd

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