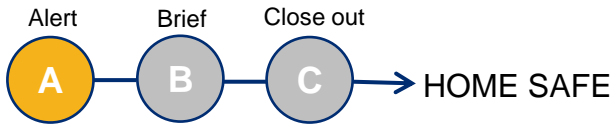


# SHE ALERT

## Struck by Cable



Date of Incident	31/07/2024		Directorate	Operations SHEPD	
Region	Highland & Islands	Location	Dalcross, Inverness	Classification	PTBW
What happened ?					
<p>Our colleagues were in the process of laying a number of LV cables at a new site. A winch was being used to pull the cables from one end of the trench to the other.</p> <p>Due to the trench layout, the cable was being pulled around a ninety-degree bend. Rollers were being used to facilitate the winching operation and a section of free ducting was being used to protect the cable at the corner of the pull.</p> <p>One operative was standing within the trench, located at the bend in the cable run, manning the section of free ducting. Operatives failed to notice the cable had fully payed out, causing the cable came under tension. As the cable came under tension, it came free from the roller and moved toward the operative in the trench, striking their lower leg.</p> <p>The operative then lost their footing, falling backward onto the benching of the trench. Winching operations were immediately stopped. No injuries were sustained by the operative. An investigation into the incident is underway.</p> <p>Whilst we investigate, it is essential during winching operations that the full cable run is always observed, and suitable communication methods are used. Operatives should never locate themselves in potential line of fire zones.</p>					

