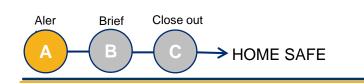
SHE ALERT Line of Fire Incident





Date of incident	19/08/2025		Directorate	Operations SHEPD	
Region	Caledonia	Location	Dyce	Classification	LTI

What happened ?

Our Fault Team colleagues attended a construction site to assist a third party that had identified a cable not on the site drawings. Trial holes identified LV cable markings and cable route; with several open cable ends found where an old plant room had been sited.

The third party's excavator and hand digging were used to trace back along the cable route. When working in the area where the cable ends were uncovered, the banksman thought they saw the cable move. As the excavator has tracked back the cable has been caught and tightened, moving towards the side wall of the excavation. At this point, our colleague's legs have been caught between the tightened cable and the side of the excavation. The IP was taken to hospital by ambulance as a precaution.

As the incident is investigated, we ask all colleagues to consider:

- Line of Fire not only do we need to think about our position, we need to consider the unintended consequences of actions that can place us at risk. The shortening of the cable has caused it to follow the path of least resistance/shortest route.
- Dynamic Risk Assessment is important in continuously identifying hazards and action to reduce/eliminate the associated risk. This can help to identify any change in workscopes where we, as electrical experts, risk becoming involved in third party works.

