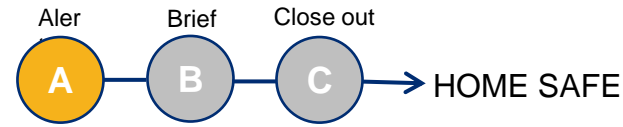


SHE ALERT

Hypodermic Needle



Date of incident which is raised in days	20 th January 2025		Directorate	Operations SEPD	
Region	Wessex	Location	Weymouth	Classification	PTBW
What happened ?					
<p>Our colleague was attending streetlight fault works in Weymouth, they removed the cover and started to inspect the connections. Whilst they were inspecting the column they felt a sharp scratch on the side of the hand. Our colleague checked their hand and noticed that a hypodermic needle had punctured the glove and was stuck in their hand. They removed the needle and attended the local A&E where they received a tetanus jab, and some testing was carried out.</p> <p>While we are investigating, please ensure you check for potential hazards when interacting with equipment that the public has access to. Types of equipment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetlight columns • Gates • Entering substations • Operating locks 					

