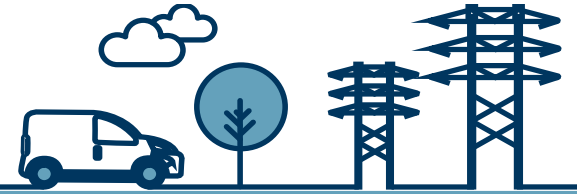
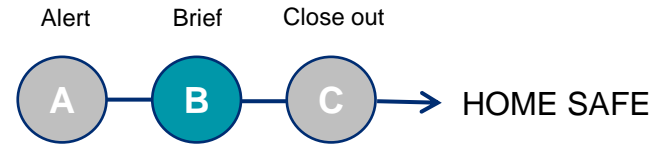


# SHE BRIEF

## Hypodermic Needle



### Key initial learnings to be shared more widely

#### What Happened

Our colleague was struck in their right hand by a hypodermic whilst attending a streetlight fault. They removed the cover and started to inspect the connections and whilst they were inspecting the column they felt a sharp scratch on the side of the hand. Through the investigation it was found that the needle was left inside the lamp column by a third party.

#### What we have done

Raised awareness of the risks of interacting with equipment to which third parties potentially have access.  
Made other businesses in the area aware of the incident in case they need to interact with equipment.  
Offered EAP support to our colleague.

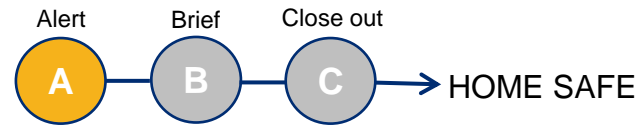
#### Wider Learnings

Always be vigilant when working with any equipment the public may have access to.  
Carry out a good visual inspection of the equipment before commencing work.  
If there's ever any doubt, please escalate and use your licence to stop.



# SHE ALERT

## Hypodermic Needle



Date of incident which is raised in days	20 <sup>th</sup> 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&amp;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"> <li>• Streetlight columns</li> <li>• Gates</li> <li>• Entering substations</li> <li>• Operating locks</li> </ul>					

