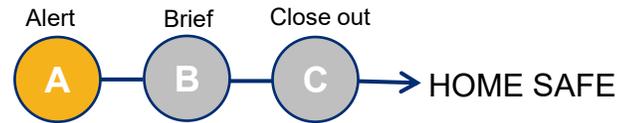


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Cable Pull Injury



Date of incident	2 nd July 2025		Directorate	Distribution, Customer services	
Region	Large Connections	Location	Bordon	Classification	Medical Treatment Injury

What happened ?

During a live cable pull, a contractor operative was positioned inside the trench to monitor cable movement. While standing in the trench, the operative placed their hand on the kerb edge—directly in the path of the moving cable. As the cable was pulled under tension, it shifted and crushed the operative’s finger against the kerb, then dragged across the fingertip.

The operative was wearing cut-resistant gloves, which did not prevent the injury. Basic first aid was provided on site. The operative was then taken to a medical centre, where they were treated for a fingertip laceration and small fracture. They returned to work the following day on light duties.

Initial key Learnings

- **No one should be in the trench during an active cable pull.**
- Exclusion zones must be established and maintained around all live pulling operations.
- RAMS and POWRAs must include clear controls for team positioning and access restrictions.
- Supervisors must be confident in the capability of all operatives involved and take an active role during high-risk activities.
- Cut-resistant gloves do not offer crush or drag protection—safe positioning is essential.



Injured finger

