



# UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO LIVE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

## OVERVIEW

This bulletin is to raise awareness following a recent incident involving a third-party contractor who accessed Capital Programme’s CDM site, following an induction.

The contractor engaged in work with equipment that they were not authorised to work on. It was still in operational use and they believed it to be dead. During their work, the contractor removed fuses, resulting in the loss of voltage indication to Control.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Adhere to site rules and report any deviations from planned work sequences immediately.
- Supervisors to reinforce the following of approved safety procedures in upcoming briefings.
- If you see someone on-site or carrying out work that does not look right, stop and challenge.
- If in doubt, stop and report.

## DETAIL

On the 30 June 2025 the contractor arrived on site and completed the CDM site induction. They entered a live switch room and removed a number of fuses which resulted in the loss of voltage indication to Control. A UKPN SAP was in the vicinity and restored the supply immediately.

The asbestos survey identified the fuses may contain asbestos. When the fuses were removed, the correct procedures were not followed to manage hazardous waste.



Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	X	1 week		2 weeks		1 month
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