



## SUSPENDED FLOORING - PEDESTAL STRINGERS

### OVERVIEW

This bulletin is to raise awareness of the importance of reattaching lateral stringers and pedestal legs post disturbance.



### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Ensure pedestal stringers are reattached correctly following any work that requires their removal.
- Position the pedestal legs so that the tab spacers align with the floor tiles and the suspended floor system is stable.
- Raise an AIRLine if there are any missing stringers or fixings, if the condition of the suspended floor system is of concern or if standing water is present.
- Be aware that the floor tiles may contain asbestos-containing material. Always consult the asbestos management survey before removing any floor tiles.

### DETAIL

Loose or missing lateral stringers and misaligned pedestal legs have been identified at several substations with suspended flooring. These issues are commonly caused by stringers being removed for subfloor access and not reattached after work or by improper leg alignment.

Lateral stringers are critical for preventing horizontal movement and ensuring the stability of the pedestal leg. Failure to reinstall them can compromise floor integrity and pose safety risks. Misaligned pedestal legs create instability in both the leg and supported floor tiles, and can lead to trips and falls. Please ensure all stringers and legs are properly secured post-maintenance.

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