



# Safety Alert

**Title: Near Miss**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Event date:** Select a date.

**Company name:** (optional)

**Event location:** (optional)

**Contact details:** (optional)

Event	Event mechanism	Contributing factor
Type of event: Near miss	Electrical	Communication / information
Type of injury / illness: N/A	<b>Back to Basics</b>	
Person harmed: Specify the number of persons harmed and their occupation. Is this a notifiable event? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Does the incident involve the breach of any of the following non-negotiable requirements? Select breached requirement	

## Harm exposure

Did the incident result in significant harm, or could have reasonably resulted in significant harm?

Yes  No

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

**Nature of work activity / Matters or behaviours observed:** An Access Permit had been cancelled and returned by the work party and a Test permit issued to test the cable riser on a pole.

As the technician was about to conduct the testing he noted a line mechanic working on the structure and in proximity to the cable riser on which the testing was about to occur.

**Mechanism description of event / hazard / behaviour / equipment or asset failure:** Describe the chronology of actions that led to the event, including if relevant the immediate cause of harm and any contributing factors. For safety observations, describe the mechanism that led to the observed hazard, behaviour or asset failure.

## ACTIONS TAKEN

**Immediate response:** The technician stopped the test and went and spoke to the work party

**Further actions:** All staff reminded of the requirements around Access and Test Permits via monthly meetings and access to structures under permit

## LESSONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Key findings:** Communication breakdown where crew conducting isolations under Access Permit had return and cancelled their permit but didn't sign on to the Test Permit as they weren't involved in that activity

**Key recommendations:** Ensure that staff are aware and compliant with the responsibilities associated to Access and Test permits.

Reinforce the marking of field assets to be worked on (under permit) as per company policy

**SM-EI reference:** 3.514 b, c