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REQUIREMENTS BEFORE LEAVING THE SITE OF A KNOWN LOW OR GROUNDED CONDUCTOR

Re-issued to confirm the relevance to scouts and isolation scouts.

OVERVIEW

An incident occurred where conductors were left on the ground in a public area. They were isolated, but no earth was applied. This is not an acceptable or compliant way to leave known grounded or low conductors.

DETAIL

Where we are on site and we have low or grounded conductors we should ensure that we leave the site in a safe state for any members of the public.

This means that the preferred option should be to remove all hazards from the area, and we should attempt to remove the low or grounded conductor from the area by either repairing and re-erecting the conductor or cutting the conductor away completely at both ends and removing the conductor from site.

In some circumstances this may not be immediately practicable due to access issues or other conditions that do not allow proper access to work safely. In this circumstance, we should not leave site until the conductors that are low or grounded have had an earth applied.

During high volume weather events it may not be possible to achieve the above. Where this is the case, and the conductors are left without an earth applied, this should be clearly updated within the troublecall log.

Field Engineers, Lines Persons and Control Engineers should ensure they have a thorough discussion before the decision is made to leave a site where conductors are still present within a publicly accessible area.

This Bulletin does not apply to scouts/isolation scouts who shall follow their own guidance and training.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Where we find low or grounded conductors then we should (in order of preference):

- Re-erect, repair and remove the hazard to the public;
- Cut away the conductors and remove them from site to remove the hazard to the public;
- Ensure that the grounded conductors are left with a fully rated earth applied;
- Exceptions may be made during periods of high fault volumes (storms) but public safety should be prioritised.
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Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	1 week	X	2 weeks	1 month
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Line management must ensure appropriate employees understand the content of this document within the timescale shown. This document is subject to compliance audits after the communication deadline.				