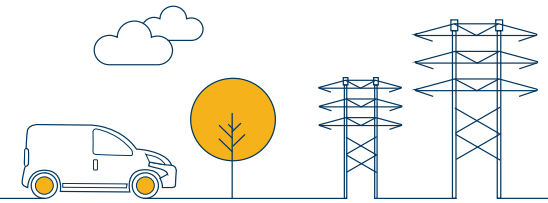
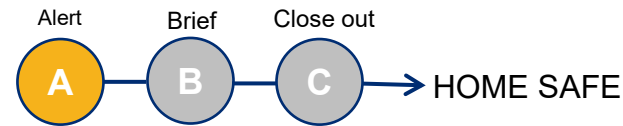


SHE ALERT

Cutting Trees in the Live Zone



Date of incident	16/04/2026		Directorate	Distribution – Services SEPD	
Region	SEPD Customer Delivery	Location	Fareham	Classification	Potential to be Worse
What happened ?					
A Contract Partner utility arborist team had been working on Category A/C trees below and adjacent to an 11kv line. Prior to the incident, the arborist was cutting small willow stems deemed category C, with a chainsaw at ground level. The arborist then cut a larger diameter stem (3-4 inches) which stayed in place on the stump of the cut but infringed the live zone (LZ) of 0.8m He subsequently decided to put his saw down and he remove the stem by hand. Whilst we investigate, we would ask all utility arborists to ensure that the SSE procedure (WI-NET-OHL-038 - Tree Cutting Works Adjacent to Live Overhead Line) is understood and followed. Please ask your SSEN-D point of contact to confirm the latest version • If the vegetation you are cutting has the potential to breach the live zone (LZ), the control measures and work method chosen to comply with this work instruction, including, where relevant, the maximum length of cut section, must be agreed and recorded on the risk assessment • Any Branches breaching the Live Zone must be removed with insulated tools.					

