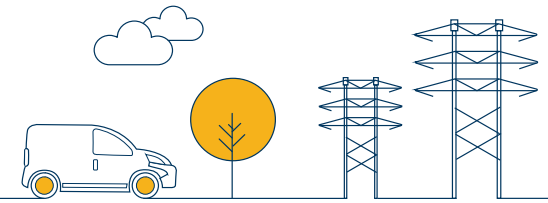
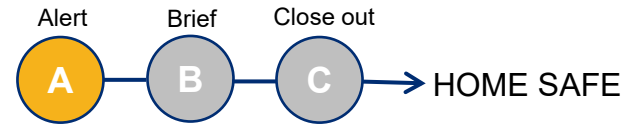


SHE ALERT

Oil Loss due to Security Breach



Date of incident which is raised in days	22 nd March 2026		Directorate	SEPD	
Region	North	Location	North	Classification	Minor Environmental
What happened ?					
Unauthorised access discovered at a primary substation on 22 March. Intruder removed a panel from a 33kV transformer, releasing ~2,000L of oil (fully contained within the bund) and a specialist contractor completed clean-up. Internal components were removed from the transformer. Presently there is a project to remove redundant equipment from the network.					
This is a good reminder of what to do for any Security incidents in SSE:					



Following this incident, please **continue to check and report** any signs of unauthorised access, damage, or interference, particularly at sites containing redundant or legacy assets.

If you witness an incident, **do not engage with intruders**. From a place of safety, observe and report what you can (e.g. descriptions, vehicles, direction of travel).

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the **Police on 999**, then notify your line manager and the **SSE Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) on 02392 278 010**.

Please **report** concerns promptly and **submit** a 30 Minute report 0800 107 3207 where applicable.

Information provided by staff plays a key role in **protecting** Members of the Public, our people and assets: particularly as Police have highlighted increased criminal activity targeting infrastructure.

SSEN staff & contractors are reminded of the **Void Substation** (apparatus that is redundant but has not been permanently disconnected) procedure [Void Substations](#) and the need to ensure that our security is **ESQCR compliant** whenever we leave substations.