



SAFETY ALERT

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TITLE: LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE CABLE FLASHOVER

DATE: 20TH MAY 2026

THE INCIDENT:

On the 15th May 2026 a colleague was subjected to an electrical release of energy in the form of a flashover when removing the factory fitted service cable end cap when preparing the cable for termination into the cut out. The short resulted in the fuse blowing at the temporary substation supply resulting in a small number of customers losing supply.

Our colleague did not suffer from any injury.

INITIAL FINDINGS

- The correct testing procedures were not undertaken
- There was poor communication between the jointer and jointers assistant

KEY MESSAGES

- ***Always use Live jointing practices***
- ***Always follow the approved methodology for testing cables during installation***
- ***Always use approved insulated tools***
- ***Always wear the correct PPE for working Live***
- ***If any doubt exists on the state of a cable or the electricity network, STOP WORK immediately and always seek advice with either a technically competent person or the Electricity Control Desk***

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