SAFETY ALERT A130

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Issue 01

GENIE EVO SWITCHGEAR FAILURE

OVERVIEW

On the 4th of March 2026, a Genie Evo switchgear panel failed shortly after being energised for the first time. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

An investigation is taking place to determine the root cause of the failure, and this alert is to give immediate guidance while we are establishing the facts.

DETAIL

During works to energise a new Genie Evo switchgear panel for the first time, there was an electrical failure of internal components resulting in an uncontrolled discharge of energy. The switchgear had been energised for approximately three minutes before it failed. Fortunately, although an engineer was in close proximity to the equipment when it failed, there were no injuries.

The exact facts as to why the equipment failed will be established through a thorough investigation but until this has been concluded the following mandatory advice shall be observed:

- When energising Genie Evo Switchgear for the first time, this shall be from a remote location.
- Nobody shall be present in the switch room while the energisation takes place.
- In this instance the switchgear failed after 3 minutes, however as a precaution, the switch room shall remain vacated for a period of 30 minutes.

As more information becomes available, this Alert may be subject to further revisions or an Operational Restriction may be applied.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

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Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	**X**	2 calendar days		5 calendar days		10 calendar days
Additional communication (X)		Stand down briefing	**X**	1st 15	**X**	Team Brief slide

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.