



Safety Advice 04-2009 (NZ)

Digger Cable Strike & Flash Burns to Observer

A contractor was injured while excavating near cables adjacent to a distribution district substation.

The man sustained burns to his hands and face and was taken to hospital for treatment.

It appears that a mechanical digger struck an underground cable at the work site. The injured man was acting as an observer to the digging when the cable strike occurred, and he received flash burns. He was wearing the required personal protective equipment at the time, including overalls, safety glasses and a hard hat, and the exposed parts of his body suffered the burns.

An investigation is underway and any relevant findings will be advised once the investigation is complete.

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