



Safety Advice 09-2010 (Dec)(NZ)

11kV Cable Accident

On Friday the 10th of December, a line mechanic and cable jointer were working to repair an 11kV cable fault near Hobsonville. During the repair work, an adjacent in-service cable faulted, resulting in an explosion and arc flash.

Both staff sustained burns and were taken to hospital. The line mechanic has since been released from hospital but continues with treatment for burns to the stomach area. The jointer remains in hospital where he is being treated for burns to the left hand, right elbow and to a lesser degree to his face. Both men are expected to make a full recovery. Further details will follow once the investigations are completed.

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