



Safety Advice 49-2013 (Nov) (NZ)

Safety Advice 49-2013 supplements recent safety advices courtesy of Transpower on switching incidents. The advice highlights the critical importance of current competency in switching tasks being performed. Although applied for Transpower's situation, the principle is no less applicable to all companies that deploy staff engaged in this or any other work activity.

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FIRST ALERT

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Maintenance Switcher Competencies

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Transpower is concerned at the number of recent power system incidents caused by maintenance switching errors. It is imperative that those carrying out switching have been deemed competent by their employer. The minimum training required to gain competency is outlined in Transpower's Service Specification TP.SS 06.21 *Minimum Competencies for Working in Substations*.

Maintenance Switcher training must be undertaken by an Transpower approved trainer and refresher courses must be attended by those carrying out maintenance switching every 2 years.

Transpower offers Maintenance Switching training at Bunnythorpe and Western Road, please contact Grid Skills to arrange a booking.



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