

Safety Alert

Recent Serious Public Safety Incidents

On June 28th at approximately 21.30 Hrs, a microlight aircraft made contact with an ESB Networks pole on the Kilkenny to Goresbridge 38kV line resulting in a fatality to a member of the public. The deceased was a local man and was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft. ESB personnel attended the scene that night and over the following days. ESB are currently liaising with the deceased man's family, An Garda Síochána, the Fire Services and the Air Accident Investigation Unit. A full investigation is currently underway but early indications conclude this was a result of a low elevation impact with the Networks double pole structure as opposed to an electrical incident.



On the 27th June, 2019 at approximately 9pm, a member of the public came in contact with a 10kV 3 phase overhead line at Cabinteely public park, South County Dublin, while trying to retrieve a drone with a long scaffold pole. The drone had become entangled in an outer phase, mid span on the line. The individual appears to have received an electric shock and burns on his feet.

Emergency services attended and treated the person at scene before removing the injured party to hospital. As an early precaution, the 10kV circuit ex Pottery Road was tripped from the control room, which resulted in a temporary loss of power to circa 1,000 customers in the local area. The local Senior Manager and Operations Supervisor attended site in the immediate aftermath of the incident and were in contact with all parties involved. The injured party is making a good recovery. A full investigation is underway.

What Do I Need to Do?

Managers Supervisors:

Please ensure all staff receive a copy of this Alert which is for informative purposes only.



This Safety Alert is issued without prejudice to any ongoing investigations and is for advisory purposes and to promote learning & safety awareness within ESB Networks.

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