

For issue to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (Employees and Contract Partners)

SHE COMMUNICATION

Plan, Scan and Adapt

What happened?

Our employees were carrying out excavation work in a public car park to facilitate the installation of some cabling, as part of a planned work activity. Steel road plates had been ordered from a plant hire company as it was recognised that they would be required to temporarily cover the excavated trenches. The plates were delivered to site on a flat-bed lorry, but the driver was unable to off-load them, as he did not have training to use the lorry-mounted 'hiab' crane. Our excavator driver, who was using a 3 Tonne tracked excavator to undertake the planned work, decided to use the excavator to offload the plates; a task that he had done previously.

The car park had a notable gradient and to offload the lorry, the excavator had to be positioned on an incline. The first plate was successfully lifted from the lorry but whilst lifting the second plate the excavator overturned as it slewed away from the lorry. The excavator driver was not injured.



What action is required?

- A lifting plan must be prepared for all lifting operations.
- All lifting operations must be under the control of a trained, certified and competent person.
- Lifting operations must only be executed by trained, certified and competent persons.
- Ensure that the correct equipment is used to undertake lifting operations.
- Consider the effects of soft, inclined or uneven ground when planning a lift.
- Ensure that the method for off-loading plant and equipment at a job site is considered when planning a work activity, particularly deliveries from suppliers.
- If something in our plan changes – STOP – and re-evaluate.

Our Licence:

At SSEN we are fortunate to be provided with the licence we need to go home safe every day. Our primary objective is to deliver safe outcomes for our people, our customers and the environment and on this we will not compromise.

At Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks – if it's not safe, we don't do it.

Communication by (✓)	Managers		Notice board	✓	Tool-box talk	✓	Team brief	✓
Communication complete by (✓)	1 week	✓	2 weeks		1-month		2-months	

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