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Every employee and contractor, working for Northern Powergrid, should go home at the end of each shift uninjured and in good health after a productive days work

Razor Blades attached to Traffic Management Signage & Frames

There have been several reports from another DNO area that individuals are attaching Razor Blades to Traffic Management signage and Frames with the intention to harm individuals who handle them during their work activities.

Operatives administering traffic management schemes are advised to handle all signs and frames with extra care as a number of signs have been found with sharp blades attached. It is believed individuals had planted the blades with the intent to harm road workers arriving to maintain or collect the equipment.

A national safety warning has been issued to all highway operators or construction companies responsible for maintaining equipment on the road side.

Please be aware and cautious when altering and removing all Traffic Management on the Network.



How do we prevent injury?

- **Ensure gloves are always worn on site when handling signing and guarding.**
- **Complete a detailed visual inspection of all equipment before handling.**
- **When working at night, handle all equipment in a well-lit area or wear a head torch.**
- **Report any cases of vandalism or damaged equipment immediately to your line manager or via 159.**

It is unfortunate that some individuals seek to harm road workers by maliciously damaging equipment. Razor blades cause serious injuries and no employee deserves to be threatened doing their job.

We support the warning to our own staff and other road workers to take extra care when handling equipment and to always wear full PPE – including gloves- on site.”

If you witness any signage being damaged, whether on Northern Powergrid works or that of another street works utility / highway authority, please contact the Police immediately.

