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SAFETY BULLETIN SB 1/2017

Fatality at Clevedon Road, Llanrumney, Cardiff

On Monday 30th January 2017 a WPD Employee, Tom Owen, based in Lamby Way, Cardiff was fatally injured while at work. A Panel of Inquiry has been convened to investigate the incident.

The Panel is being chaired by Simon Pett, Network Services Manager – East Midlands.

Without prejudice to the investigation or any of the personnel involved, all WPD staff and contractors are reminded that they must comply with the following requirements as part of working live. The requirement contained within bullet point 4 will be communicated with immediate effect across any WPD work activity:

1. When working on any part of the LV distribution network all work should be carried out in accordance with Company Directives: cables shall be 'treated as Live until proved Dead at or near to the point of work'.
2. Correct PPE should be worn for the task being carried out, as per POL:HS8 and associated Standard Techniques – in this case live jointing was being undertaken so in particular, insulated gloves, di-electric footwear, a face visor and FR coveralls are mandatory.
3. The tools and equipment used to undertake the work shall be in accordance with the appropriate Standard Technique for the task - in this case live jointing would require the use of approved insulated tools.
4. All staff are reminded, that when they are providing 'Personal Supervision' (as defined in DSR D26) to other staff holding an 'Under Personal Supervision' authorisation (UPS) and need to leave the work position (for any reason whatsoever) they will instruct and ensure that any individual(s) who are operating under that Personal Supervision leave or move away from the work position to a point where there are no hazards present.

This bulletin does not change any WPD Policies, Standard Techniques or the Distribution Safety Rules.