



Fatal accident in Iberdrola Networks, Spain

On Wednesday 1 June a civil subcontractor died in an accident at an Iberdrola Distribution secondary substation in Spain. The accident is currently subject to investigation. The following basic details are known:

Work was planned for the main contractor to change connections on the 20 kV conductors and then for repairs to the external roof and internal walls and ceiling of the substation. Isolation of the high voltage apparatus was required before work could commence.

It appears that the civil contractor began assembling scaffolding in advance of the shutdown whilst the apparatus was still live. During the course of this he received an electric shock and fell, sustaining a head injury.

First aid was administered and the emergency services attended however the man did not survive the accident.



Recommendations and action points

This tragedy serves to remind us of the hazards we face in our working environment.

The Health & Safety Essentials put into practice the behaviours that will help keep us, our contractors, customers and the general public safe - every day.

