

For issue to Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

SHE COMMUNICATION

Working on the system.

Introduction:

Following the recent tragic news from two different UK Network Operators reporting two separate fatal injury incidents involving contact with electricity, we have recognised a number of similar near-miss and injury incidents in SSEN, with two of our colleagues requiring hospital treatment following an incident last week.

While the details from last week’s Low Voltage incident are still being investigated, there are similar trends that we can use to remind ourselves of the minimum requirements when completing routine tasks as part of our normal work activity:

Reminder:

Work on the electricity network is inherently hazardous and therefore robustly controlled to minimise the risk to persons involved. The mitigation of the risks is primarily achieved by the strict implementation and compliance with our Operational Safety Rules and associated Approved Procedures.



- Work and/or operations on the SSEN electrical system must always be carried out in-line with the Operational Safety Rules and associated Approved Procedures.
- Work on, or access to, Live conductors can only be considered after a Live Working justification has been completed.
- Work on Live conductors must always be completed by competent/ appropriately authorised persons in strict compliance with Live Working practices.
- Use of Approved PPE, such as electrical rubber gloves and protective workwear, Shall be checked before use to confirm they are suitable for the task to be undertaken – see WI-NET-OSM-002 for more guidance.
- Operational Safety Rule 1.7 should be used to communicate un-safe conditions if on-site escalation is not effective.
- All operational persons must comply with their responsibilities as outlined within Operational Safety Rule 1.9 – ignorance of duties cannot be used as an excuse for non-compliance.

Briefing:

All SSEN managers must ensure this communication is shared with their employees and contract partners.

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

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