

Urgent Attention Safety Bulletin

Significant Potential Incident

11 July 2017

Incident summary

On 07 July 2017, one of our colleagues was reaching inside a circuit breaker mechanical box to apply test leads, when the sleeve of their jumper became entangled in the components as they were operating.

The individual received minor bruising to their wrist, however they did not require medical treatment.



Findings

The incident is currently being investigated and the root causes will be communicated to the business in due course.

The immediate findings are:

- In order to complete the timing test, the individual was required to reach inside the mechanical box to hold the test leads in place, while a second person operated the circuit breaker on a control panel below. This meant that their arm was in close proximity to the moving components.
- The test is a frequently performed practice.
- The moving components must be operational and therefore cannot be isolated while the testing is taking place.

Key learnings

- Until further notice the timing test on circuit breakers is to cease.
- All Western Power employees have the right to stop work immediately if they believe it is unsafe to continue. This can be done by implementing a *Stop Work Authority*.
- When developing a Workplace Risk Assessment Plan for a task, it is important to identify all mechanical hazards and ensure appropriate controls are put in place.

Communication

- All Formal Leaders must discuss this bulletin with their team members (employees and contractors) at their next Visual Management Board Meeting. Further details will be provided once the investigation is complete.

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