

HSE Alert Form

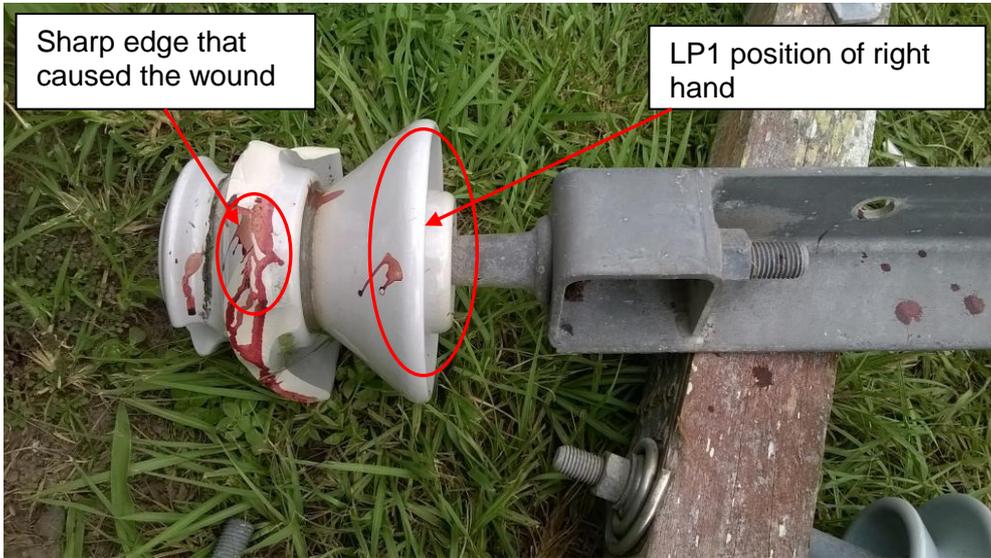


Alert Number: 2015.07

eSafe No	INC-1120689	Location	Old Bruce Hwy, Howard	Date	7 February 2015
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Description of Hazard/Incident (What happened?)

Contract employee sustained serious puncture wound above the line of his work glove from a broken insulator.



Extent of Impact (Details of injury, environmental harm, equipment damage, etc.)

Puncture wound to right wrist that caused an artery to sever, and damage to thumb tendon.

Key Facts (What are the key facts?)

No final conclusions have been drawn as to the cause/s of this incident. In the interests of safeguarding our employees, we request everyone to read this information to reinforce our safety focus on controls and to improve our safety awareness.

Contractors were completing cross arm change, with one employee in the EWP and another working on the ground. A cross arm and steel "P" bracket were removed from the pole top with insulators attached and placed on the ground.

When the contract employee attempted to pick up the insulator and steel 'P' bracket from the ground, he placed his fingers under the undamaged bottom skirt of the insulator and lifted the assembly up. The 'P' bracket acted as a pendulum, causing the shattered insulator to move forcefully towards his wrist which in turn caused the sharp piece of the insulator to puncture his right wrist. The puncture wound is just above the line of his gloves.

Note - it is unknown when the insulator was broken.

Actions (Information on corrective actions implemented that may prevent harm and or assist others in preventing a similar occurrence)

Contractor conducting investigation to establish findings and actions to prevent recurrence. Ergon Energy to perform Contractor Incident Investigation Review to establish findings and learnings.

Contact for further Information

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