

TXUAUSTRALIA SAFETYGRAM

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DATE OF INCIDENT: 08/04/02	REPORTED BY:

REVERSE POLARITY INCIDENT

A plumber and his apprentice were working on a premise in Woori Yallock Victoria when both received electric shocks from contact with the metal structure of the house.

Extent of injury/damage

Electric shock to a plumber and his apprentice. A medical assessment was sought and both required no further treatment.

Local action taken

A fault crew attended the residence and upon testing of the electrical supply to the house determined there was a reverse polarity connection.
The fault crew disconnected the electrical supply at the meter box.
The Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector was also noticed and an inspector from that office also attended the site.

Additional comments

An investigation into this incident has commenced to determine the cause of this incident.
A review of the work systems, contractor management, hazard and risk assessment processes, training records and the audit and inspection process is included as part of this investigation.

Severity of incident:

FATAL: Potential to have caused death
HIGH: Potential to have caused serious injury, permanent disability, ill health or serious damage to plant and equipment.
MEDIUM: Potential to have caused temporary disability or minor damage to plant and equipment.
LOW: Potential to have required minor First Aid.

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