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## **SAFETY GRAM**

### **Safety Gram number 14-06**

#### **Aim**

To increase safety awareness affecting safe working practices and to provide Incident/Accident information sharing between centres..

**Time:** Not known  
**Date:** Discovered 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006  
**Location:** North Melton

#### **Brief description of incident**

**Technical Officers found a section of earth had been removed from an ACR located at Melton North. Further investigation has uncovered earth cable also removed at another two substations in this area.**

**NB\*\*\* The removal of the earth represents a Health & Safety issue for anyone approaching or coming in contact with the equipment from which the earth/s have been stolen.**

**This is also been found in Zone substations, all Zone Sub operators have been separately advised of this hazard.**

#### **Contributing factors to incident**

Persons unknown have been using an axe or tomahawk to cut through the earth. Earth has then been removed.

#### **Local action taken:**

Police have been notified of these thefts.  
All the earths which have been discovered stolen or damaged have been repaired.

#### **Additional comments**

Persons working on equipment are advised to check integrity of earths prior to approaching any pole with permanently installed earths such as Substation's, ACR's, Remote Controlled Gas Sw's etc. If found report any cut or stolen earths to the Control Room or local Asset Performance Officer.

All employees are requested to be vigilant when comes to identifying and reporting these types of illegal acts.

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**Potential severity : Lethal**

If equipment which has had the earth removed becomes faulty the frame could become live presenting a Hazard which could cause death by electrocution.

**Discussion and notification**

- Please discuss at Work Group Meeting
- Copy to all notice boards on yellow paper
- Please forward to contractors as relevant.

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