



Safety Advice 03-2006 (NZ)

INJURIES TO ELECTRICIAN WHILST TERMINATING CABLE

- An electrician received phase to earth shock and flash burns whilst terminating a cable at a ground mounted 11kV transformer site.
- The electrician was kneeling on the ground while placing a cable tie close to one of the transformer bushings when an unplanned livening caused a flash over from a bushing.

Preliminary Findings

- The incident did not involve any equipment failure.
- Indications are that a contributor to the accident appears to be confusion over the type of permit issued at the time of the event.
- Investigations are continuing and a further update will be provided in due course.