



SAFETY ALERT



Subject: Gas pipe found inside orange duct

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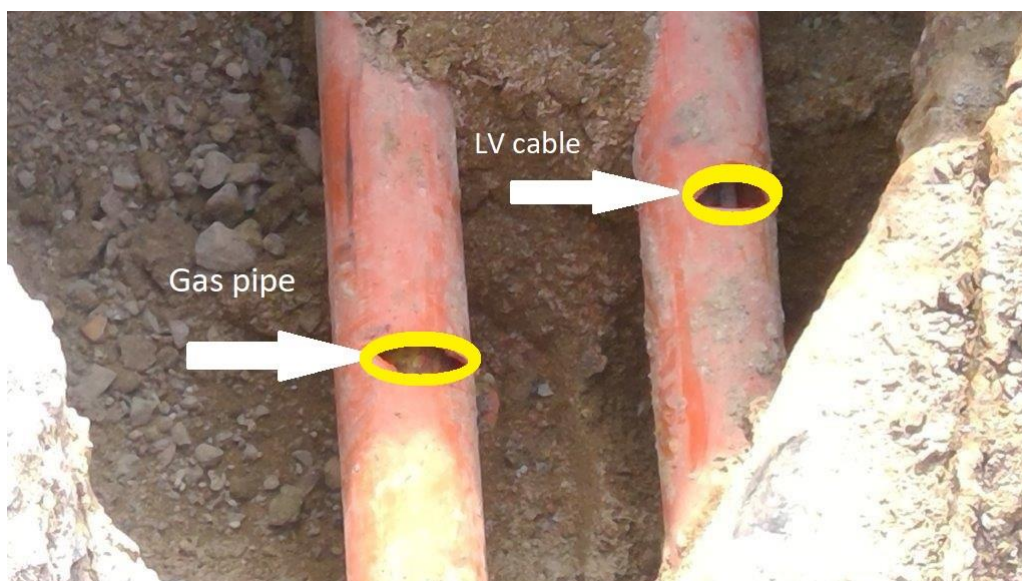
Description:

A civil contractor to WEL Networks was recently tasked with exposing an underground LV cable for works.

Plans on site showed that there was a gas line in the vicinity so careful excavation was undertaken but the gas line could not be found.

However while looking for the gas line, there were two orange electrical ducts exposed when the plans showed that there should only be one duct with the LV cable in it.

The contractor decided to cut notches out of the ducts to identify what was in them and found the gas line inside one of the ducts.



Recommendations:

Always follow correct excavation procedures when exposing underground assets.

- Have the necessary plans on site and know how to read them
- Have a recent cable location performed prior to excavation
- Pothole each side of the excavation area to identify cable to be exposed
- Never make assumptions about what is underground and how deep the assets are
- Never make assumptions about what is inside a duct

For further information contact: The WEL Networks Health & Safety Team.