

SAFETY ALERT!

Attention: All Unison Contracting Services Limited Employees

Subject	Lessons Learnt 3 rd party 11KV Cable strike		
Alert Number	SA114	Date Issued	13/12/2017
Issued by	UNL Health and Safety Manager	Effective	Immediately

SAFETY ISSUE/BACKGROUND

On Monday the 20th November 2017 at 12.55pm the Wharewaka feeder at Taupo south opened under fault due to a 11KV cable being severed by a third party 20T Trencher.

Key finding and Issues:

- Poor communication received from 3rd party – no key point of contact identified
- The area had not yet been marked out digging began earlier than Unison had been previously been advised.
- The plans were incorrect – the cable on the plans were drawn outside of the start location.



Opportunities of Improvement

1. Unison have met with local stakeholders to discuss the incident and address areas for improvement for clear and accurate communications.
2. Formalise process that key contact is established at the beginning of project.
3. Review of the software and hardware resources provided to cable locators across the Unison network.
4. Cable locate workgroup to be formed to review the process of cable location and create a work instruction to provide consistency across unison work areas.

Operations Managers/Supervisors must ensure that:

- When dealing with 3rd parties ensure that Unison personnel are provided with key contact details to ensure clear and concise communications.

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