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Incident Title: Arc Flash Event

Event Details:

As previously advised, on 5 January an arc flash event resulted in a technical team member being taken to hospital with burns to his face. He was discharged from hospital later that day, and returned to work after seven days recovering at home.

An investigation into the incident is in progress but it is very clear that the protection provided by the arc flash suit and safety glasses worn by the team member prevented his injuries from being much more severe.

However, because of his stance and the way the suit hood sits against the body, the blast rose up his body and into the hood, causing the burns.



Immediate Actions:

- Workers must wear arc rated balaclavas whilst wearing 40cal/cm² arc flash PPE
- Workers must wear safety eye protection whilst wearing 40cal/cm² arc flash PPE

These requirements are effective immediately and will be in place until further notice

- A full ICAM incident investigation is now well advanced which will result in further preventative actions

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