

# ASP Safety Alert Electrical Safety & Authorisations

## Alert Number: SA02\_19

### Subject: Electric Shock during Low Voltage Changeover

11 March 2019

#### Key Messages

**Understand the risks associated with your work and implement controls to manage the hazards, including: Electrical Safety Rules, Safe Work Method Statements and Hazard Assessment Conversations.**

#### Description of incident or hazard:

During recent works for the relocation of live LV conductors onto a new pole, a worker in an overhead crew came in contact with live conductors whilst working aloft.

#### Extent of impact:

The worker suffered injuries consistent with an electric shock and the injured worker was transported to hospital by ambulance.

#### Immediate action taken (or to be taken) to eliminate or control the risk:

In addition to rendering first aid to the injured worker, the site was made safe and power was restored to the local residences.

#### Recommendations

ASP1 supervisors and managers are encouraged to conduct discussions and/or toolbox talks with their work groups, focussing on:

- switching back on to safety after holidays;
- understanding the risks of the work undertaken by the work group, reviewing all relevant SWMS and implementing any associated controls;
- recognising that significant injuries can still happen on well-known and highly-practiced tasks; and
- empowering workers to speak up if they feel there are safety risks, even if all recognised controls are in place.

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