

# ASP Safety Alert Network Compliance & Authorisations

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Subject: Poor Live Work Practices

## Key Messages

**Power Workers performing Live Low Voltage (LV) work task must implement the applicable controls as required in the Electrical Safety Rules cl 9.5 when working on or near the Ausgrid network.**

**If a safety critical situations are observed, workers are encouraged to have the 'courage to intervene' and should always stop work immediately, even work being undertaken by a member outside your workgroup, if it is being undertaken in an unsafe manner.**

## What happened?

In recent times there has been observations of Line workers working on live LV with poor body position, not wearing the required electrical insulating gloves while making a live connection, working without temporary insulation being applied and working with insufficient Traffic Control in place. Fortunately, these cases did not result in an incident and serve as a reminder to all workers carrying out live work activities to conform with the applicable safety controls and the courage to intervene when such practices are observed.



Image showing absence of required Electrical Insulating Gloves or temporary insulation



Image showing poor worker body position and no temporary insulation on live LV

## Causes / contributing factors:

Inadequate Supervision – The Safety Observer did not identify that critical controls were absent and therefore intervene and pause the task to allow them to be implemented.

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