



# Safety Alert

## Fatality of an Independent Connections Provider Operative

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**UK Power Networks**



## FATALITY OF AN INDEPENDENT CONNECTIONS PROVIDER OPERATIVE

### OVERVIEW

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021 an Independent Connections Provider (ICP) Jointer was undertaking streetlight transfers for the Local Authority when they received a fatal electric shock.

Our thoughts are with the family, friends and colleagues of the person involved.

### DETAIL

An ICP had been awarded a contract to carry out street lighting transfers for a local authority under a Competition in Connections agreement. Whilst undertaking works to extend a service to one of the lighting columns, an ICP jointer received an electric shock.

Paramedics attended the scene but unfortunately could not resuscitate the injured person.

The incident is under investigation by the relevant enforcing bodies and will be investigated as a Very Serious Incident (VSI) by UK Power Networks.

The above information is without prejudice to any investigations and is provided to remind all our staff and contractors of the requirements when working on the LV network.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Live working must have a Site Specific Pre Work Assessment whenever it is practicable to do so or the reason for not undertaking it should be identified on the Task Instruction.
- Every job must have an On Site (Point of Work) Assessment completed before work starts.
- When live working is being undertaken, HSS 40 045a LV Live Work or Testing Assessment shall be completed. If any of the requirements of HSS 40 045a cannot be met, work shall not start.
- LV Live Working Electrical Gloves shall be worn when any conductors are exposed.
- A support person shall be in attendance with a clear view of the work being undertaken.
- Shrouding shall be applied to any conductor not immediately being worked on.

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