

Case Study: Avoidance Of Buried Services At Electrical Sub-stations:



The above image highlights the consequences of driving a 5m length metal earthing rod into the ground at a primary electrical sub-station.

No serious physical injury occurred to the operative on this occasion; however the potential for a fatality was clear. The task for the operatives was to install new earthing to a sub-station fence, whilst driving the earth rod into the ground, contact with an 11,000 volt wire armoured cable occurred. The investigation into this dangerous occurrence, established that no trial holes had been excavated at the locus of the cable strike to confirm the presence of utilities. A further contributory factor to this incident was that the squad who damaged the high voltage cable was not the same squad that had undertaken previous trial holes, leading to a situation where a concise handover of information had failed to be implemented between supervisors and operatives. Prior to ground penetration taking place at any location, it is imperative that all the necessary control measures have been implemented to ensure that contact with all utilities will be avoided.

No Permit To Break Ground, No Ground Penetration To Take Place Adherence To HSG47 Strongly Recommended.

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