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## Case Study: HV Cable Strike With Steel Road Pin



The above image highlights damage to a high voltage 185 (3) XLPE cable.

The task was to construct a concrete road over the existing high voltage ducted cables; previous road construction at this location had progressed without incident. The cable route had been marked on this occasion; however the operative proceeded to drive a steel road pin into the ground at the marked cable route position.

Investigation's into this dangerous occurrence, highlighted on the previous phases of road construction the high voltage cable route could be physically seen, allowing the operatives to clearly identify the route of the cables. To overcome contact with the underground electricity network a risk assessment should always be carried out and a safe system of work implemented prior to any ground penetrating works progressing.

**Risk Assessment / Safe System Of work**

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## Case Study - HV Cable Damage With Stihl Saw



The above image highlights an incident which took place when an operative attempted to cut a live high voltage cable (11,000 volts) with a hand held stihl saw.

The operative was taken to hospital with flash burns to his face and arms. The operative on this occasion was extremely fortunate that his injuries were not of a more serious nature.

To prevent this type of situation occurring the correct, training - risk assessments - method statements – safe systems of work – work permits require to be in place. Ensuring all the relevant processes are in place which should also encompass site supervision - management of operatives, a further possibility to consider when setting operatives to work is the employee's behavioural tendencies – attitude to safety for the required task.

**Treat All Underground Electrical Cables  
As Live At All Times**

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