## **SAFETY ALERT**

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## **Hounslow Highways – Service Strike**

**Date**: 03 November 2015 **Division:** Hounslow Highways

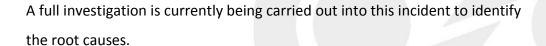
Location: Inverness Road / Grove Road, Hounslow

A serious incident has occurred in Hounslow when an electrical cable was struck with an insulted spade. The incident took place whilst the operative was excavating a hole to install a lit sign. As a result, the operatives arm hair was singed and a portion of the bottom end of the spade melted. We cannot overstress the high potential for this incident to have caused death or serious injury to one of our operatives.



## Things to remember:

- Use of both a CAT (cable avoidance tool) and the Genny is compulsory before excavating
- Have the confidence to stop working and seek advice from your supervisor if you feel the situation is unsafe
- Never compromise yours and others' safety even if you think you can get the job done quicker







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