

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 insulated 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

A full investigation is currently being carried out into this incident to identify the root causes.



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