



<b>Target Audience:</b> Ringway Jacobs, all Supply Chain Partners	<b>Ref No:</b> 21.13
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# HSEQ Alert

### Reason for this HSEQ Alert

On Wednesday 2 June 2021 we were informed that a serious incident had occurred with one of our street lighting supply chain partners, which resulted in the serious incident procedure being implemented. The overall project was to replace street lighting with new composite columns. Whilst dealing with the associated connections, a jointer working at the site received an electric shock which sadly resulted in him losing his life. All our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues at this difficult time.

The police attended site and are currently leading an investigation in conjunction with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) along with Ringway Jacobs and our Supply Chain Partner.

### Action to be taken and learning to be applied

- Working on live electricity must have a Site-Specific Pre-Work Assessment and all associated documentation in place. If any element of the precautions cannot be met, work shall not start.
- Every job must have an On-Site (Point of Work) Assessment completed before work starts.
- LV Live Working Electrical Gloves must be worn when any conductors are exposed.
- A second suitably qualified person is required to be in attendance, with a clear view of the work being undertaken, whilst jointing operations are taking place by a suitably qualified Jointer.
- Shrouding shall be applied to any conductor not immediately being worked on to make safe. with the correct supervision and monitoring put in place. This will support the health and safety of workers and that of the people around us.

### Conclusion / Final note

This event is a stark reminder of the high-risk industry we work in, and reinforces why our health and safety ethos is "Think Safe, Home Safe". Whether it's working near underground or overhead services, working with live traffic and pedestrians, designing complex works or carrying out inspections on the network, we must remain vigilant at all times ensuring that we have a focus on the planning of the works initially, developing the required information to enable the job to be carried out. If you feel that the working practices are not safe at any stage please stop the works and contact your supervisor or line manager.