

Significant Incident Brief



The following documents provide guidance in completing and processing a Significant Incident Brief:-

- [ES000502R100. Guidelines for Significant Incident Brief \(Reference\)](#)
- [EX 01568 Guidelines for Significant Incident Brief \(Manual\)](#)
- [R027. Guidelines for Significant Incident Brief \(Reference\)](#)

This brief is provided as information only. No action is required by you unless otherwise advised.

A significant incident occurred on	Tuesday 02/04/2019
Incident Summary	Fatal Electrocution of Ausgrid Linesperson
Incident Type	Electric Shock
Sponsor/Trustee	EGM Distribution Paul Jordon
What we know today	<p>An Ausgrid linesperson has died in hospital on Wednesday 3/4/2019 after being electrocuted while undertaking routine maintenance work in Sydney the day before.</p> <p>The employee was part of a crew from Ausgrid's Gore Hill Depot who was working on the replacement of a low voltage power pole in Lane Cove when the incident occurred.</p> <p>Ausgrid and unions are providing support to assist the family as they deal with this devastating loss.</p> <p>Support and counselling is also being provided to the employee's colleagues who were on site with him on the day.</p> <p>Ausgrid is working with staff, the unions and safety regulators to better understand the cause of the incident, which is not yet fully understood at this point.</p>
The following immediate actions are to be taken:	<p>Effective immediately, all work on live open low voltage mains is suspended.</p> <p>This applies to all EQL staff and contractors.</p> <p>As soon as possible, EQL will be seeking to reinforce our safe systems of work with all applicable staff and contractors, prior to reinstating live low voltage work practices, expected early next week.</p> <p>The only exception to this suspension is the emergency replacement of faulty overhead services/fuses. In these situations, crews shall first contact their WGL and comply with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe system of work is adopted for working live • Training and competencies are current for the task

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Safety Observer has been appointed• PPE applicable to the task is fit for purpose and used• All apparatus providing a “second point of contact” are covered with insulating barriers/ covers. This includes conductors and apparatus at potentials different to the conductor being worked on and in proximity to (within reach), e.g. street light mains, street light brackets, broadband catenary conductors, LV links/ fuses and adjacent conductors• Adjust insulating mats/barriers when altering work position• Ensure a stable work position is maintained throughout the task• Plant and equipment is within test, rated for the task and fit for purpose <p>If in doubt in relation to any of the above controls, stop and contact your WGL immediately.</p>
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