

Safety and health alert

16/02 A kerbing contractor receives serious burns

Incident

A concrete kerbing worker, fixing formwork for a driveway verge crossover, received first degree burns to his lower leg when the 600mm fixing steel pin he hammered into the ground, contacted underground high voltage power cables.

Factors

1. The possible presence of underground services.
2. The amount of earth coverage over underground services can be considerably reduced by mobile plant during site preparation work.

Recommendations

1. Prior to work commencing in a location, underground services that may be affected must be established.
2. Ensure an accurate diagrammatic representation (plans) of the services is available at the workplace before work commences.

Further Information

Further information can be obtained from the WorkSafe internet site www.worksafe.wa.gov.au, or by contacting customer service on 1300 307 877 or email: safety@docep.wa.gov.au.

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