

Subject: SAFE DIGGING

What's Happened?

Operative received injuries to face following cable strike.

How Did It Happen?

Using pick axe in vicinity of cable to break concrete out.

Recommendations and Lessons to be Learnt:

Ensure:

- Safe digging practices adhered to at all times (HSG47)
- Full CAT & GENNY scan of area to be excavated (before and during excavation), refer to all utility plans and look for surface markers
- Trial holes along length of area to be excavated
- Pick Axe not be used in the known or likely position of utilities
- All tools used for excavation around utility services have to be wooden handled or composite – NO STEEL SHAFTED TOOLS



IF IN DOUBT - ASK