

Southern Significant Event Fast Facts – Wessex

Note: This document contains information understood to date (72hrs post incident) and information may change following investigation

Event details:

- **Location, date and time:** Wokingham Level Crossing area - 08/05/26 - 01:55
- **Who was involved?** Operative Feltham S&T
- **Details: Incident:** The Injured Person (IP) was part of three teams working in the Wokingham Level Crossing area. The team were tasked with replacing the batteries of the level crossing.
- The IP was undertaking a 'wire count', ensuring the setup on site was as per the diagram.
- Whilst reaching into the cabinet to move a wires so they could see better, the religious bangle they were wearing came into contact with the terminal of the batteries and the metal shelf above them.
- First aid was administered and the IP was driven to hospital.
- The IP usually pushes the bangle up their forearm and is covered by their PPE, the IP was wearing gloves, long sleeve t-shirt and fleece at the time of the incident. The Bangle had slipped down to exposed wrist area.
- **Any injuries and updates on persons involved?** Burn / Electric Shock
- **Could the safety of the workforce have been impacted?** Yes

Initial causes identified:

- A Religious bangle came into contact with the terminals of batteries and a metal shelf above them resulting in an electric shock.
- Lack of proper risk awareness of teams around the task.

Key issues for the investigation to consider:

- Were there alternative safer methods considered during planning?
- Was a task-specific briefing carried out, or was it generic?
- Is there a clear rule regarding jewellery, and does it cover: Religious items? Methods of control (removal, covering, securing)?
- Has similar jewellery-related risk been identified before?
- Was a supervisor or person in charge present and actively monitoring the task?



Immediate Action Taken

- All Works Stopped.
- First Aid administered
- WICC informed.
- IP taken to A&E by staff.
- Statements and photos of the scene were taken.
- 6-hour Update to the WICC Completed.

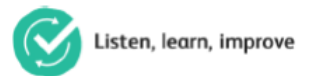
Could this happen in other locations?

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Level of investigation: Level 1

Appointed Lead Investigator: Yes

Incident Reference:



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