

ASP Safety Alert Network Compliance & Authorisations

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Unauthorised entry into Ausgrid pillars

Key Messages

Ensure only authorised ASP's are entering and working in Ausgrid pillars with no opened pillar being left unattended.

Background

Ausgrid has recently observed unauthorised workers gaining access to energised Ausgrid pillars for installing service main conduits and cables.

This work must only be carried out by an authorised ASP wearing approved PPE and complying with Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules.

Additionally, Ausgrid has identified that opened, energised pillars are being either left unattended or not secured as per original state thus breaching the Electrical Safety Rules and creating a hazardous environment for anyone coming within proximity to these pillars.

Cables that need to be run into a network pillar must only be performed by an authorised ASP wearing approved PPE and complying with Ausgrid's Electrical Safety Rules.

As most of these breaches occur within new housing developments, Ausgrid has raised their concerns directly with all the major builders and sought commitment that only authorised ASP's will be engaged to carry out this type of work.

SafeWork have been consulted and support Ausgrid's endeavours to ensure only authorised ASP's gain entry to Ausgrid pillars.



Actions Required

Ensure only authorised ASP's are carrying out this type of work and opened pillars are not left unattended.

If you become aware of any unauthorised person gaining access to Ausgrid pillars carrying out this type of work, please notify an Ausgrid Compliance Officer immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact aspauthorisations@ausgrid.com.au

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