

# Arc Rated Clothing from 1 July 2015

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Dear ASP3,

## **New mandatory arc rated clothing for Contractors, Accredited Service Providers and Visitors from 1 July 2015**

Ausgrid is changing its requirements for protective clothing from cotton, to arc rated fabric.

From 1 July 2015, the Ausgrid Electrical Safety Rules will require all people working on or near the Ausgrid network to wear full length arc rated clothing.

This requirement will also apply to Contractors and Accredited Service Providers.

The revised Electrical Safety Rules will require full length, arc rated clothing, with a minimum Arc Thermal Performance Value (ATPV) of 4 calories/cm<sup>2</sup>, in the following situations:

- Working on or near the Ausgrid network
- Entering areas where there are live exposed conductors
- Entering substations

The requirement for arc rated clothing for entry to substations or areas where there are live exposed conductors will apply to both workers and visitors.

The attached fact sheet provides some background and reasons for the change. We are also proposing to include this topic at our next Seminar early in 2015.

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Darren Jenkins, Electrical Safety Manager on (02) 4910 1728 or via email at [darrenjenkins@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:darrenjenkins@ausgrid.com.au).

Regards

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