



SAFETY ALERT

INCIDENT	INCIDENT number TBC - A1 / P4 Working in unsafe conditions
SUBJECT	Working in unsafe conditions in a deep trench
INCIDENT DATE	20 April 2021
BUSINESS UNIT	Fletcher Infrastructure – City Edge Alliance Project

WHAT HAPPENED?

Workers from a sub-contracting company were working in a deep excavation, of approximately 6 metres, that had insufficient battering, shoring or shielding in place. Work was being undertaken whilst this condition existed. In addition workers were observed using an excavator bucket to access the trench.

A ladder was also placed against an 11KVA line. The services had not been found in the locations expected, however the plan had not been changed to suit the changed environment.

Work was stopped on site. No one was hurt.



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL OF US (pre-investigation)

- Trenches and excavations are high risk and need to be designed and excavated in a safe manner with appropriate means of entry and exit.
- When conditions change onsite you must stop the work immediately and obtain support to plan an effective safe means of undertaking work before recommencing tasks.
- When working with sub-contractors we need to understand their risk perception and appetite and determine how best to educate and supervise them accordingly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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