

# SAFETY ALERT

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## ABB SafeLink Incident

### Background

A 2005 SafeLink RMU located at Dorchester Street West End failed during planned switching on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The two Energex operators involved were treated in hospital for minor heat related injuries and following further observation, were released later that day. An investigation is currently being conducted to determine the root cause.

Until the investigation has been completed Energex has put an interim operating restriction on switching the isolators of 2005 ABB Safe Link RMUs.

**Important Note:** Whilst this Alert does not supersede HS-01-15 “ABB SafeLink switching restrictions” all actions referred to within HS-01-15 remain current and must be followed, please note that the interim restriction of switching the isolators on 2005 ABB Safe Link RMUs as mentioned above will stand until further notice.

Further information will follow when the investigation progresses.

### Action Required

1. Whilst in this instance the appropriate PPE was being worn, staff are reminded to always wear the appropriate PPE for the task being performed.
2. Staff are reminded to stand clear and away from vent chutes on RMUs and circuit breakers when indoor and outdoor switching operations are carried out;
3. The interim restriction above does not apply operation of the switch fuse;
4. Do not use Safe Link short handles to operate and isolators or switch fuses;
5. In the event of any mechanism or interlock malfunction, inform the switching coordinator and refer to the Energex Equipment operating Instruction Manual;
6. All Process Owners to review relevant work practices and associated risk assessments with regard to the information contained in this Alert.
7. Managers and Coordinators must ensure that:
  - a. This Alert is brought to the notice of relevant workers and records kept of discussions with workers;
  - b. A copy of this Alert is placed on all Safety Noticeboards.