

STOP & THINK

Week 10 – Statutory Undertakers Information



Unfortunately over the past month we have had instances on our sites of near misses with striking statutory utilities ('STATS' or 'services'). Fortunately, no one was hurt. However, I think we all know the dangers associated with a service strike and the consequence in a [worst case scenario; death](#).

As you will see from this recent Safety Alert on our B&V iNet H&S site, consequences are real and damaging. The alert covers two separate incidents where there were service strikes which resulted in burns:

<http://bvinet/C10/HealthSafety/Lists/Safety%20Alerts%20Announcements/DispForm.aspx?ID=177&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fbvinet%2FC10%2FHealthSafety%2Fdefault%2Easpx>

We all know that STATS information obtained from the Statutory Utility holders is key for developing the design. The location of STATS are considered when locating new plant, type of plant, how the work is going to be built eg lifting. The design team assess the risk of interface with STATS when completing the [Design Hazard Register](#) and [SHE Boxes](#) on GA's, which will be used by our site team or the supply chain. So before carrying out design work we need to have in our possession all relevant STATS information.

We now have a [Statutory Utility Champion](#) in place, [Clare Taylor](#), who is based out of our Kings Norton office. Clare has pulled together all the numerous emails offering guidance on who and how to contact statutory undertakers to obtain STATS information, and produced a new procedure that offers much clearer guidance in one single document. [168247-X-SPC-40195 Statutory Utilities – Request for Service Information Procedure](#) (Cygnet - 168247 / Project Specific Procedures & templates / B&V Procedures and Controlled Outputs folder). If you have any queries on obtaining service information please contact Clare.

For further information:

One Safety Hub

<http://www.onesafetyhub.co.uk/Partners/MgJV/Lists/OSHLibrary/mgJV-presentations-services-avoidance.pdf>

You want even more information?! Go to the One Safety Hub and look at a MGJV presentation in the Best Practice area

HSE

The HSE has a guidance document, HSG47, which is a very useful document outlines the dangers which can arise from work near underground services and gives advice on how to reduce the risk. It deals only with risks to the health and safety of people and is not concerned with the damage which has no direct risks associated with it.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg47.htm>

A question or two to get you thinking!

Is the request of service information relevant if all your works are within the TWUL site boundary ?

Will the services be located in the same position as identified on the STATS drawings?

Will there be any more services that are not captured on the STATS drawing?