

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

SERVICE STRIKES – WHAT TO DO

Image taken from the cover of HSE guidance: Avoiding Danger from Underground Services

Contact with Sewers

- In the event of damage or suspected damage, call the water company immediately, and inform your line manager, Site Manager and Head Office.
- Evacuate the excavation of all personnel immediately (by safe means).
- Wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking. Supervisor to re-read tool box talk on Weils Disease to all affected. Any sign of illness must be referred to the worker's GP.

Contact with Water Main/Pipes

- In the event of damage or suspected damage, call the water company immediately, and inform your line manager, Site Manager and Head Office.
- Water at high pressure can be fatal and burst pipes can fill an excavation quickly, so clear the excavation of all personnel immediately (by safe means). Do not leave a length of pipe unsupported.

Contact with Gas Pipes

- In the event of damage or suspected damage, call the gas company immediately, and inform Site Manager, your line manager and Head Office.
- At the slightest hint of gas escape, evacuate the area of people and do not permit anyone to smoke in the area. Extinguish all naked flames.

Contact with Electric Cable

- In the event of damage or suspected damage, call electric company immediately, and inform Site Manager, line manager and Head Office.
- At the slightest hint of damage to an electrical cable, evacuate the area, and do not permit anyone to touch the cable or anything connected or touching it until the electric company instruct otherwise.
- If your plant makes contact with electrical cables – stay in your cab if safe to do so. If not safe to stay in cab, jump clear of plant/vehicle. Remember, electricity can arc across.



Coronavirus Advice

If you suspect that you might have coronavirus do not go to work, self-isolate immediately and Call 111 straight away, then call us at RPH and let us know Remember unless you have come into contact with Coronavirus the symptoms you may be having could just be a common cold but call 111 for reassurance.

Coronavirus

Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to: Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.