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This is about keeping ourselves and each other safe.

It includes being very clear about what is expected.

So that by following Our Lifesavers, workers can safely perform their duties, and supervisors / managers are able to create the right conditions that allow Our Lifesavers to be followed.



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# Why we have Our Lifesavers

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- ✓ Consistent with our Work Safe, Live Safe Value.
  - ✓ They provide clarity around the **most critical** requirements.
  - ✓ They prevent serious injury and save lives.
  - ✓ This is about keeping ourselves and each others safe and being very clear about what is expected.
  - ✓ Reinforces everyone has the permission to pause any activity that cannot be undertaken safely, at any time.
- ✓ Our Lifesavers are a requirement of employment as they relate to the Fair and Just Culture Framework.
  - ✓ Note: The Fair and Just Culture framework will apply to all potential or actual breaches. A 'no blame' stand down (from all high risk work) will apply for all those involved until the case is resolved.

# How Our Lifesavers will work

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- It is expected that **all Ausgrid workers** including supervisors, managers and contractors, will adhere to Our Lifesavers
- They are designed to **work with other rules** including the Network Fatal Risks (NFR), Electrical Safety Rules (ESR) and the Code of Conduct requirements.
- The **Rules We Live By have been retired** and replaced with Our Lifesavers
- A potential or actual breach may result in disciplinary action (including for those involved in the breach or those who supported the conditions that allowed a breach to occur)

They reinforce the critical control measures at the point of work for Ausgrid, and do not replace other requirements or obligations such as working whilst not impaired by drugs, alcohol or fatigue and being adequately supported and trained to undertake the task

# Our Lifesavers in detail

# Use fall protection when working at heights



**Whenever a task requires you to leave the ground, work around open pits or excavations, YOU MUST...**

- Always consider if the tasks can be done on the ground **or relocated** so you have a solid area to work from.
- Consider fall prevention equipment such as an EWP, temporary work platform, 'A' frame or scaffolds.
- Use fall prevention systems such as full-body harness fitted with an appropriate lanyard to a secure anchorage point
- Portable ladders must be secured as per current procedures
- Conduct pre-climb checks and maintain three points of contact.

Working at heights refers to '2 metres above the ground or at an adjacent level'.

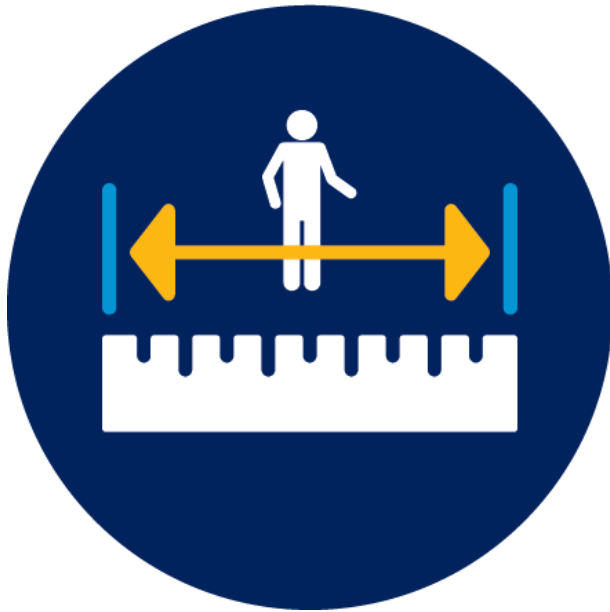
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## YOU MUST...

- Obtain a valid permit where required  
This includes:
  - Access Permits
  - Hot Work permits (on Total Fire Ban days; working near exposed gas/liquid petroleum pipes; working near service station - i.e. per DGs)
  - Confined space entry permits
- Isolations can be done prior to the issue of a permit.

# Maintain minimum safe working distances (MSWD) and exclusion zones



## YOU MUST...

- Maintain safe working distances from live exposed electrical conductors (unless working to an approved live work procedure).
- Maintain exclusion zones when operating mobile plant (including traffic management) and equipment or when working nearby.



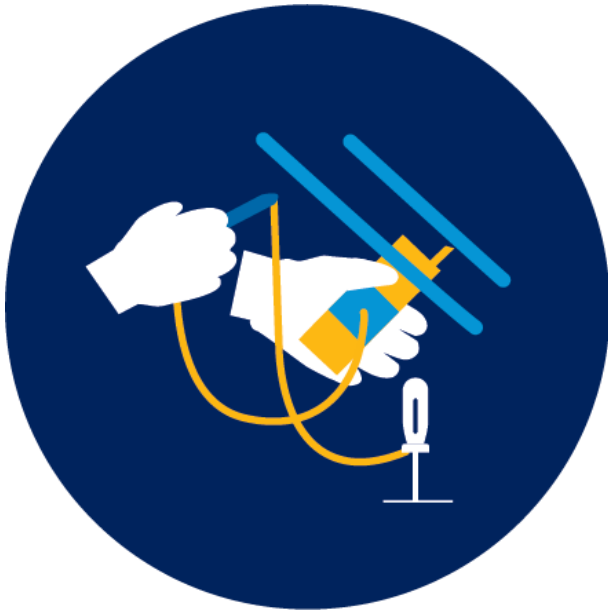
# Use approved insulation, controls, and PPE when working live



## YOU MUST...

- Use approved insulation, controls, and PPE when working on live electrical conductors.
- PPE includes those referenced in the ESR:
  - “Wear protective clothing and other PPE which provides appropriate protection to the head, eyes, body, arms, hands, legs and feet”
  - Ausgrid approved safety clothing with a minimum of Arc Thermal performance value (ATPV) of 4cal/cm<sup>2</sup> or greater
  - Approved gloves on each hand for the task such as low voltage insulating gloves; rescue kit insulating gloves; protective outer gloves; cotton inner gloves and HV insulating gloves

# Always follow polarity procedures



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- Complete neutral identification and polarity tests
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## YOU MUST...

- Never cross a barrier controlling an area with a suspended load without permission
- Do not walk or work under any load that is suspended by a crane or other lifting device

# Do not enter an excavation deeper than 1.5m unless it's supported



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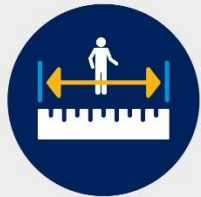
- Only enter an excavation deeper than 1.5m when it is supported by shoring, boxing, benching or battering or has structural certification



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