

ACTION FOLLOWING ELECTRIC SHOCK



Problems have arisen where workers have received an electric shock and have not sought medical attention.

The ETU recommends to all of its members, that if a person receives an electric shock, that they seek immediate medical treatment to ensure that no abnormalities have occurred.

A person is not to drive himself or herself, to either a doctor or hospital, but should be transported, where appropriate, by ambulance.

A qualified first aider will make the determination about the best mode of transport.

It will be up to the medical practitioner to determine whether an electrocardiograph (ECG) is appropriate.

The ETU wishes to advise all workers that health and safety is not to be compromised.

There are also legal implications on the employer to ensure that Worksafe and the OCEI are notified of the event.