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## OH&S SAFETY ALERT

## NO LIVE WORK ON **CONSTRUCTION WIRING**



Last year it was reported to the Office of The Chief Electrical Inspector that there had been 14 incidents where licensed electrical workers either came into contact with an energised source, or were in close proximity when an incident occurred and an explosion ensued.

Recently one of our members was severely injured in an explosion. The practice of live work must cease before more workers are injured or killed.

The ETU requires that all members not work live.

There should not be any instance where a person would have to work on an energised construction (temporary) wiring circuit. Unfortunately, some of our members have a belief than an RCD will protect them in all instances, and this is not the case.

An RCD will not trip out where:

- the rated trip current is not reached; or
- · where a person or object is connected to active and/or neutral but not earth.

DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC. **WORK DEAD OR BE DEAD.**