

# Another Cable Strike at Thornton



Our site team at Thornton had another lucky escape when they hit an electric cable that was not protected with any tape or it's location confirmed by the use of Churngold Services Boards.



The cable had been backfilled the previous day so its was believed that the position was known by all our team but clearly this wasn't the case. If tape or services boards had been used the chances of hitting this cable could have been greatly reduced and most likely the incident would not have happened.

Once the cable was hit, the team made the site safe, but there seems to be confusion as to what actually happened running up to the cable strike. A thorough examination was not undertaken straightaway when everyone had the incident fresh in their minds. There were even conflicting reports as to the use of a CAT scan prior to digging, which brought into question our supervisor of the works.



Remember - Always obtain a PERMIT TO DIG from the Principle Contractor and CAT scan the ground before excavating anywhere. Always install protection tape when burying any services, even temporary ones, and always maintain the Churngold Services Boards in place to show where the services are and always hand dig only within 500mm of any live services.

