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Note: Information For The Exam Questions Can Be Found In This Presentation. You Will Also Need To Refer To And Take The Related Course on Lockout And Tagout of Hazardous Energies Also Found On Safety’s Webpage.
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Overview

Electrical Work Is **Hazardous**

- Electrocution And Burns Are Significant Causes In Work Related Fatalities
  - A Majority Of These Incidents Occurred At <600 Volts
  - Especially To Electricians / Helpers & Construction Workers

- **Arc Flash & Arc Blast** Are As Dangerous As Electrocution But Poorly Understood / Recognized As Electrical Hazards

- Falls (From Ladders)
ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

CAUSES:

• Unsafe Conditions
  o Faulty Insulation
  o Improper Grounding
  o Loose Connections
  o Defective Parts
  o Ground Faults In Equipment
  o Unguarded Live Parts
  o Underrated Equipment
  o Work Environment

• Unsafe Acts (Work Practices)

• Combination

Prevailing Mind Set
“It Won’t Happen To Me”
(Famous Last Words)

SC LLR OSHA References NFPA 70E - Standard For Electrical Safety In The Workplace As A “How To Guide” Of Best Practices Using The General Duty Clause For Enforcement
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Training:

• **WHO** - Employees Who Face A Risk Of Electrical Shock That Is Not Reduced To A *Safe Level* By The Electrical Installation Requirements
  o Qualified Persons Who Work On The Equipment
  o Unqualified Persons Who Work Around The Equipment

• **WHAT** - Safety-Related Work Practices Required by OSHA 29 CFR 1910.331 Through 1910.335 That Pertain To Their Respective Job Assignments And Necessary For Their Safety
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Training:

Required By 29 CFR 1910.332

• Workers
  o Electricians
  o Electrical Engineers
  o Material Handling Equipment Operators
  o Painters
  o Welders
  o HVAC Mechanics
  o Maintenance
  o Industrial Machine Mechanics

• Their Supervisors
When Employees Are Performing Work On Or Associated With Exposed Lines Or Equipment Energized At 50 Volts Or More, Persons Trained In First-Aid Including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) shall be available

- All Facilities Management Trades Specialists Are To Be Trained in 1st Aid-CPR-AED
- AHA-Trained Safety Instructors Use The American Heart Association Course Which Requires Certification Every 2 Years
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How Electricity Acts:

Behind Turning On An Electric Switch There Must Be:

- **Power Source** – The Power Generating Station
- **Transport Method** – Electric Current Travels Through Conductors, Normally In The Form Of Wires
- **Force** – The Pressure To Make Electricity Flow, Measured In Volts, Is Provided By A Generator
How Electricity Acts: Volts or Amps Kill?

**Voltage** (V) is Pressure (increasing the voltage will make more current flow)

**Current** (Amps) is Flow Rate

**Resistance** (Ohms) to the flow of electricity depends on
- Nature of the Substance
- Length and Cross-Sectional Area of the Substance
- Temperature of the Substance

**Current = Voltage / Resistance**

**Electrical Power** (Watts) = **Voltage x Current**

Answer: See Next Page
How Electricity Acts: Volts or Amps Kill?

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DEFINITIONS

• **Qualified Person** – Those Permitted to Work On *(Direct Contact)* Or Near *(Due To Contact By Means Of Tools Or Materials)* Exposed Energized Parts Due To Training And Experience In The Skills And Techniques Necessary To:
  - Distinguish Exposed Live Parts From Other Equipment Parts
  - Determine Nominal Voltage Of Exposed Live Parts
    - Such As 120/240 and 480Y/277
    - Helps Determine Proper Work Procedures For The Job
  - Know The Approach Clearance Distances For The Corresponding Voltages To Which A Qualified Person Can Be Exposed
  - Be Able To Recognize What Protective Equipment And Tools Are Required For The Work Area And Properly Use Them
  - Follow Safe Electrical Work Practices
DEFINITIONS

• **Unqualified Person** – Trainee And / Or A Person Who Does Not Meet “Qualified Person” Criteria But Faces A Risk Of Electrical Shock

• **May** – Optional (Recommended)

• **May Not** – Prohibited

• **Shall** – Must Comply
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This video, produced by Square D-Schneider Electric, is a good overview of safe electrical work procedures we want to follow.

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**ENERGIZED** (Electrically): Electricity is flowing into and powering a piece of equipment in order for it to perform its function, i.e., the equipment is “Live” or “Hot”

Only **QUALIFIED PERSONS** may work on energized electric circuit parts or equipment

- Trained to avoid the electrical hazards of working on or near exposed energized parts
DE-ENERGIZED (Electrically): All Parts Of The Equipment Have Been Isolated From Its Electrical Energy Source And Verified That It Will Not Operate By Using:

- Normal Operating Controls
- And A Test Instrument

Don’t Work It Hot!

Make It Safe

With Careful Planning, Work Can Almost Always Be Done With Equipment DE-ENERGIZED
**SHOCK HAZARD**

Body Becomes Part Of The Electrical Circuit, i.e., In Contact With:

A. Both Wires Of An Energized Circuit

B. One Wire Of An Energized Circuit And The Ground

C. “Hot” Part (i.e., A Metallic Part Of A Tool In Contact With An Energized Wire) And The Ground
   • Due To Break In Insulation
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SHOCK HAZARD

Severity

Depends On:

- Current Flow (Amps)
- Path Through Body
- Time
- Frequency
- Heart Cycle
- General Health

1 mA
9 mA
16 mA
70–100 mA
# SHOCK HAZARD
## Effects On Human Body

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<td>&gt; 5 mA</td>
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| > 15 mA      | Strong Involuntary Reactions  
(50% of Population “Freezes” – Can’t Let Go) |
| > 30 mA      | Breathing Difficult                                                      |
| 50 - 100 mA  | Heart Fibrillation  
DEATH Likely !                                                         |
| 100 - 200 mA | DEATH Probable                                                           |
| > 200 mA     | Cardiac Arrest; Severe Burns; DEATH                                      |

*As little as 27 Volts can be FATAL*
SHOCK HAZARD
Effects On Human Body

Conductors - Offer Little Resistance To The Flow Of Electric Current
  • Metals, Water

Insulators - Have High Resistance to the flow of electric current
  • Porcelain, Pottery, Dry Wood

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<td>220 mA</td>
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<td>110 mA</td>
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Dry Skin Has A Fairly High Resistance To Electric Current; But When Moist There Is A Drastic Drop In Resistance.
Dry Your Hands Before Inserting/Removing A Power Plug.
**SHOCK HAZARD**

**Protective Measures**

**INSULATION**

Material Located Between Points Of Different Potential To Prevent The Flow Of Electricity

- Most Common Causes Of Failure - Heat, Dirt, Chemicals, Moisture, Sunlight & Physical Damage

120 And 240 Volt Wire Color Codes
- Phase 1 - Black
- Phase 2 - Red
- Phase 3 - Blue
- Neutral - White Or Three White Stripes
- Ground - Green Or Green Striped

277 And 480 Volt Wire Color Codes
- Phase 1 - Brown
- Phase 2 - Orange
- Phase 3 - Yellow
- Neutral - Gray Or With 2 White Stripes
- Ground - Green With Yellow Stripe
SHOCK HAZARD

Protective Measures

GUARDING

• > 50 V Requires
  o Enclosed Room
  o Permanent Partitions
  o > 8’ Above Floor
  o Platform / Balcony / Gallery

• > 600 V Requires
  o Metal-Enclosed Equipment
  o Enclosed Vault Controlled by a Lock
  o Marked With Caution Signs
SHOCK HAZARD

Protective Measures

GROUNDING NOT a Guarantee Against Shock

Non-current-carrying Metallic System Components, Such As Equipment Cabinets, Enclosures, And Structural Steel, Need To Be Electrically Interconnected So Voltage Potential Cannot Exist Between Them Then A Low-Resistance Path To The Earth Is Provided

• Service / System Ground
  o White / Gray Wire Is Grounded At The Generator / Transformer & At The Service Entrance Of The Building
  o Protects Machines, Tools & Insulation Against Damage

• Equipment Ground
  o Additional Ground Path From Machine / Tool To The Ground
  o Protects Equipment Operator
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SHOCK HAZARD

Protective Measures

CIRCUIT PROTECTION DEVICES

Protects Worker From Overcurrent & Short Circuits By Automatically Shutting Off The Electricity

- Overcurrent Caused By: Malfunction, Overheating, Too Much On A Circuit, Power Surge, Damaged Insulation
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Protective Measures

FUSES
• One-Time Use Over-Current Devices
  o Fast-Blow / One-Time: Protects From Sudden Current Surge
  o Slow-Blow / Time Delay: Ignores Momentary Current Surges
• Melts / Burns in Two When Set Current Value Is Exceeded
  o 15 / 20 / 30 amps - Household
  o 100 / 200 / Greater – Industrial
SHOCK HAZARD
Protective Measures

Circuit Breakers
Over-Current Devices Designed To Trip Open The Circuit By Electromechanical Means When Set Current Value Is Exceeded
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SHOCK HAZARD

Protective Measures

GROUND-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER (GFCI)
Designed To Shutoff Electricity Within 1/40th of a Second

- Compares Current Going Into And Out Of Equipment
  - Interrupts Power If Differs More Than 6 mA
- Prevents Electrocution
- Used in High-Risk Areas
  - Wet Locations
  - Construction Sites
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SHOCK HAZARD

Protective Measures

Replace / Reset Circuit Protection

- Random Power Surge: Replace Fuse Or Reset Breaker
  - Use Exact Duplicate Fuse
    - Higher Rated Fuse Can Damage Equipment / Start A Fire
    - Lower Rated Fuse Could Explode

- Circuit Breaks Again Or If There Is Smoke, Heat Or Unusual Odor
  - Immediately De-Energize
  - Do Not Keep Resetting Breaker - Find The Problem

- Never Bypass, Bridge Or Disable
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SHOCK HAZARD
Protective Measures

Underground Utilities

South Carolina State Law: Any activity that results in the movement or removal of earth, rock or other materials in or on the ground requires the excavator to contact the Utility Company or One Call Center with adequate information regarding the dig. Each excavator is required to wait 72-hours or 3 business days before starting the digging work.

A Palmetto Utility Protection System (PUPS) representative will record the location of the digging site and notify member utility companies of the intent to dig. Utility companies will then send out a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of utility lines. Once your lines have been marked, you may begin to carefully excavate around the marked lines.

Identify Utility Locations Before Digging
Electrical Safety

SHOCK HAZARD
Protective Measures

Overhead Power Lines

Prevent Contact

• Unqualified Employees And Mechanical Equipment Must Stay 10’ Or More Away
  o Add 4” For Each 10,000V Over 50,000V

• Employees Standing On The Ground May Not Contact The Equipment Unless Clear

• Use CAUTION When Carrying Metal Ladders, Long Pieces Of Pipe, Steel Or Lumber, Or Using Boom Trucks
Electrical Safety - LOTO

Equipment Service/Maintenance Required

- Setup
- Adjustments
- Repairs
- Cleaning
- Lubrication
- Clearing a Jam

Expect Startup or Release of Stored Energy?

- Yes
- No

Must Bypass Safety Device?

- Yes
- No

Can place any body part where can be caught in machinery?

- Yes
- No

LOCKOUT TAGOUT

PROCEDURES

1. IDENTIFY the types of energy sources used, potential hazards, and all control devices.
2. NOTIFY all affected employees.
3. TURN-OFF all operating controls.
4. LOCATE all energy sources.
5. ISOLATE all energy sources by blocking, bleeding and venting stored energy as found in springs, hydraulic systems and pneumatic systems.
6. LOCK-OUT all switches and energy controls in the ‘OFF’ or ‘SAFE’ position.
7. TEST operating controls. Put all controls in the ‘ON’ position. Be sure no one can get hurt before testing.
8. RETURN all operating controls to the ‘OFF’ position.
9. PERFORM required task.
10. REMOVE lock-out devices only after the equipment is fully assembled and all affected employees have been notified. Each lock-out device must be removed by the person who put it on.
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**LIVE (HOT) WORK!**

Work On Live Equipment Is Only Allowed If It Can Be Shown That De-Energizing:

- Introduces Additional or Increased Hazards
  - Interruption of Life Support Equipment
  - Deactivation of Emergency Alarm Systems
  - Shutdown of Hazardous Location Ventilation Equipment
  - Removal of Illumination for a Critical Work Area

- Is Infeasible Due to Equipment Design or Operational Limitations
  - Diagnostics & Testing of Electric Circuits That Can Only Be Performed With the Circuit Energized (Trouble-Shooting)
  - Work on Single Circuit / Piece of Equipment Would Shutdown Entire Industrial Process

Financial or Customer Comfort Considerations are **NOT** Adequate Reasons to Work On or Near Energized Circuits
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**LIVE (HOT) WORK! PERMIT**

… And The Supervisor And Employees Complete A **LIVE WORK PERMIT** Designating:

- Job To Be Done
- Employees Involved
- Procedures & Tools To Protect The Workers
- Rescue Recovery Operations
- Limited Time Frame

**NEVER Work On A Live Circuit Alone**

- Have Standby Worker Trained In Emergency Response

(See Next Page For DGS “Live Work” Permit)
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ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL WORK PERMIT
The Completed Permit Is To Be Kept At The Job Site Until The Job Is Done

1. LIVE WORK TASKING
Work Location: __________________________ Work Order Number: __________________________
(Building Name, Room Number):
Start Date: __________ Time: __________
Equipment To Be Shut Down: ____________________________________________
_____ Until Work Is Completed _____ Temporarily While Barriers Are Placed
Description Of Planned Work Activities Including Involved Components: __________________________ __________________________ __________________________
Voltage: __________ V

2. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO PERFORM THE LIVE WORK
Qualified Electrician(s): ______________________________________________
Qualified Electrician Certified In CPR-1st Aid-AED: __________________________
Assistant/Attendant(s) (Un-Qualified): ____________________________________

3. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LIVE WORK
The Work Cannot Be Delayed To Allow The Equipment To Be Shutdown and De-Energized For Maintenance. Work On Energized Electrical Equipment Is Justified Because The Equipment Shutdown And De-Energizing: 
Creates an: __________________________________________________________
_____ Increased Hazard (specify): ______________________________________
_____ Additional Hazard (specify): ______________________________________
Is infeasible due to: __________________________________________________
_____ Equipment Design (specify): ______________________________________
_____ Operational Limitations (specify): _________________________________

4. METHODS TO RESTRICT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM THE WORK AREA
____ Signs / Tags _____ Barricades _____ Attendants

5. HAZARD ANALYSIS (To be completed by the Qualified Electrician(s) and Supervisor)
Work will be conducted within the following Approach Boundaries:
FLASH PROTECTION BOUNDARY – 4 ft 0 in for systems 600 volts or less or Calculated: _____ ft _____ in

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<td>10 ft</td>
<td>3 ft 6 in</td>
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Hazard Risk Category:
____ Voltage-rated gloves
____ Safety glasses
____ Hearing Protection
____ Leather gloves
____ Rubber sleeves
____ Hard Hat Class G / E
____ Hard Hat FR liner*
____ Communications
____ Conductive jewelry / items removed
____ Fire Extinguisher

6. OTHER SAFE WORK PRACTICES (description; attach sheet, as required)

7. ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL WORK REVIEW
Equipment Will Be De-Energized And Isolated To The Extent Feasible. I Agree The Remaining Energized Electrical Work As Described Above Can Be Done Safely:

QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS
(Assigned To Work Task) __________________________ Date: __________
(Name) __________________________ Date: __________
I Verify That Energized Electrical Work Preparations Have Been Completed And The Assigned Employees Have Been Briefed With Detailed Procedures And Are Properly Equipped.

SUPERVISOR: __________________________ Date: __________
(Name) __________________________ Date: __________
Send Copy to BCB Safety; Copy kept by Supervisor; Copy kept at work site until job completed

8. WORK COMPLETION
End Date: __________ Time: __________
Send completed form to SF Geoffray, R.M. Energy-Environmental (To be kept on file for 1 year) as of 3 March 2011
Electrical Equipment (Switchboards, Panelboards, Industrial Control Panels, Meter Socket Enclosures, And Motor Control Centers) That Is Likely To Require Examination, Adjustment, Servicing Or Maintenance While Energized, SHALL Be Field Marked With A Label Containing:

- At Least One Of The Following:
  - Available Incident Energy And The Corresponding Working Distance
  - Minimum Arc Rating Of Clothing
  - Required Level Of PPE
  - Highest Hazard/Risk Category (HRC) For The Equipment

- Nominal System Voltage
- Arc Flash Boundary

Per NFPA 70E (2012)
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ARC FLASH Hazard

To Minimize Exposure To Arc Flash When Turning Off & Restoring Power –

Use One-Handed Technique

- Wear Appropriate PPE
- Stand To The Side & Sideways
- Use One Hand
SHOCK HAZARD
Protective Measures

Test Equipment

- Only Qualified Person Is Allowed to Test
- Test The Multi-Meter On A “Live” Source Before Checking Equipment
- Dissipate Capacitors Prior To Testing
- Set To Appropriate Scale Rating (Set High Then Come Down)
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*LIVE (HOT) WORK!*

Electrical Parts Are Considered *Energized* Until All Lockout-Tagout (LOTO) Steps Are Completed

- Placing an Electrical Conductor or Circuit Part in a Safe Work Condition (Off & *De-Energized*) Is in Itself a Potentially Hazardous Task

- Voltage Testing While Completing LOTO Is Considered As Working on Live (Energized) Parts
Personal Protective Equipment
Flame Resistant (FR) Clothing

7,000 Electrical Burn Injuries
In The Work Place Each Year

• The Most Severe Burns Are Caused By Ignited Clothing
  Not From The Initial Arc Flash Fire And Explosion

• Do Not Wear Synthetic Fabric
  It *Melts* (into your skin)
  o Acetate, Nylon, Polyester, Rayon or Blends
Personal Protective Equipment
Flame Resistant (FR) Clothing

Type Of FR Clothing Required For Work On Or Near Systems Rated At:

- **240 Volts & Below** (Low-Energy work)
  - Natural-fiber / Non-Synthetic Clothing Is Adequate for Many Tasks
  - Some Higher Risk Tasks Require Flame Resistant (FR) Clothing

- **241 - 559 Volts**
  - Requires at Least One Layer of FR Clothing Worn Over Natural-fiber Clothing
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For **Energized** Electrical Equipment (Not Made Safe) < 240 Volts

Facilities Management Trades Specialists Are To Wear:

- Long Sleeved Cotton Uniform Shirt and Trousers
- Safety Glasses
- Leather Work Shoes with Rubber Soles

**Recommended:**
- Hard Hat rated for at least 2,200 v
- Leather Gloves
- Arc Flash Rated Face Shield (Over Safety Glasses)
- Non-Synthetic Under Layers
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For **Energized** Electrical Equipment *(Not Made Safe)* 241-599 Volts

Facilities Management Trades Specialists Are To Wear:

- **Hard Hat** rated for at least 2,200 v
- **Arc Flash Rated** Face Shield Over Safety Glasses
- Long Sleeved **Uniform Shirt** and Trousers & Layers Underneath Of Natural Materials *(Cotton / NOT Synthetic)*
- **Leather Gloves**
- **Leather Work Shoes** with Rubber Soles

**Flame Resistant Coverall** *(Arc Rating - 8)*

**AND...**
**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Arc Rated vs. Flame Resistant Clothing**

Arc Rating Of PPE Is To Be Matched To The Arc Flash Hazard

- FR Rating Means The Material Will Not Ignite Or Continue To Burn When Heat Source Is Removed

- Knowing The Arc Rating Of The Equipment Allows The Employee To Make A Proper Selection For FR Protection. The Higher The Number The More Protection.
  - Not All FR Clothing Is Arc Rated But All Arc Rated Clothing Is Flame Resistant
  - Arc Rated Clothing Provides Insulation To Prevent Fatal 3rd Degree Burns
    - Can Still Receive Survivable 2nd / 1st Degree Burns

Examples: If Arc Flash Hazard Is -

- 6 Calories Then FR PPE Rating of 8 is OK
- 10 Calories Then FR PPE Rated of 8 Is Not Sufficient; Requires An Additional Layer Or Higher Arc Rated Clothing
Personal Protective Equipment
Arc Rated/Flame Resistant Clothing

• As the heat from an arc flash can cause garments worn under arc rated clothing to ignite, those under layers should:
  • Not be made of synthetic materials
  • Be made of natural materials, i.e., cotton

• Clothing made from the following (synthetic) fabrics, alone or in blends, is prohibited unless treated (to be flame resistant): Acetate, Nylon, Polyester, Rayon

29 CFR 1910.269(l)(6)
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Personal Protective Equipment

Hard Hat Ratings

- **Type 1** – Reduce Impact Force From Blow To Top Of Head
- **Type 2** - Reduce Impact Force From Blow To Top Or Sides Of Head
- **Class G (General)** – Reduce Danger Of Contact With Low Voltage (Tested At 2,200 Volts Phase To Ground)
- **Class E (Electrical)** - Reduce Danger Of Contact With Higher Voltages (Tested At 20,000 Volts Phase To Ground)
- **Class C (Conductive)** – Not Intended To Protect Against Electrical Hazards

ANSI Head Protection Standard Z89.1
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For **Energized** Electrical Equipment (Not Made Safe) **600 Volts & Above**

(High-energy tasks)

(FM Trades Specialists Normally DO NOT Work At These Voltages; Assist Power Company)

Flame Resistant Flash Suite

(Arc Rating - 40) *Worn Over…*

- Arc Flash Rated
  - **Face Shield Over Safety Glasses**
  - **Long Sleeved Uniform Shirt** and Trousers & Layers Underneath Of **Natural Materials** (Cotton / NOT Synthetic)
  - **Leather Gloves**
  - **Leather Work Shoes with Rubber Soles**
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...and Use Protective Equipment/Insulated Tools

Rubber / Composition Gloves / Sleeves
- Personally Assigned
- Inspect & Air Test At Start Of Each Day
- To Be Regularly Lab Tested Every 6 Months
When To Wear PPE?

The **ARC Flash Protection Boundary** is the **Minimum Safe Distance** from *Energized* electrical equipment without need to wear PPE.

- Distance increases as:
  - Fault current level increases
  - The longer the fault is allowed to exist

- **Minimum Of 4 Feet** for systems **600 Volts Or Less**
  - To prevent 3rd degree burn (= life-threatening)
    (2nd Degree Burn Or Less Is Curable)

- **PPE Must Be Worn Within Boundary** (50 Volts Or More)
  - NFPA 70E 3-1 & OSHA 1910.335(a)(1)(i)

- Temperatures up to 35,000°F
  - Fatal burns over 10’ away

- Pressure & Sound Waves
  - In excess of 200 Lbs/Ft^2

- Molten metal
- Copper vapor
- Intense light
- Shrapnel
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Approach Boundaries (for "Live" Electrical Work)

NFPA approach boundaries (2012 edition)
Approach Boundaries (for “Live” Electrical Work)

**Flash Protection Boundary**

= **4’** for < 600 v

(distance depends on fault level and/or duration)

FR Clothing Required < 4’

**EQUIPMENT**

**PROHIBITED Approach Boundary**

< 4’ (FR Clothing Required)
Approach Boundaries (for “Live” Electrical Work)

- **PROHIBITED Approach Boundary**
- **RESTRICTED Approach Boundary**
- **LIMITED Approach Boundary**

**Qualified Persons** (Who Can Escort Unqualified Persons) **Required To Use Insulated Tools** Within the Limited Approach Boundary
QUALIFIED PERSONS must have electrical-related training sufficient to effectively avoid the electrical hazards associated with work on, or near, exposed energized parts. These qualified persons must be capable of working safely on energized circuits. This capability includes familiarity with the proper use of:

- Special Precautionary Techniques
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Insulating Or Shielding Materials, and
- Insulated Tools.

The operator or foreman would have to meet the qualifications referenced above (and fully detailed in Subpart S) before examining or troubleshooting a circuit that is energized above 50 volts.

Employees Undergoing On-The-Job Training To Become A “Qualified Employee” Must Be Under The Direct Supervision Of A Qualified Person At All Times Until They Have Demonstrated Proficiency In The Work Practices Involved With Their Work.

OSHA Letters of Interpretation, 11/19/01 & 5/17/02
Approach Boundaries (for “Live” Electrical Work)

- **Restricted Approach Boundary**: Only qualified persons can enter.
- **Limited Approach Boundary**: Between 1’ and 3’ 6”.
- **Flash Protection Boundary**: Between 1’ and 4’.
- **Qualified Person**: Can enter restricted area.
- **Un-qualified Person**: Stays out, can hand in tools, etc.

NFPA 70E
Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace®
**Approach Boundaries** (for “Live” Electrical Work)

- **Limited Approach Boundary**
- **Restricted Approach Boundary**
- **Prohibited Approach Boundary**

- **FLASH PROTECTION Boundary**

- **Only Qualified Persons Wearing PPE Can Enter Prohibited Approach Boundary**

**1”** (Qualified Person Wearing Required PPE)
**LIVE (HOT) WORK!**

DGS Special Procedure To **Change A Light Ballast**

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<td>Remove lamp(s) and ballast cover.</td>
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<td>Inspect wiring for proper working length and that the wires are not damaged or frayed.</td>
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<td>If improper length or damaged wire is present or any other unsafe conditions are found: Proper Lock Out – Tag Out procedures must be conducted. See “Removing Light Fixture From Service” procedure.</td>
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| 3   | Fixture                | Ensure that the light fixtures are disconnected from the energy sources by:  
1) Checking there are no personnel exposed  
2) Verify the isolation of the light fixture(s) by testing the light switch or other normal operating control(s) or by testing to make certain the light fixture(s) will not operate. |
| 4   | Fixture                | The fixture is now locked out. Install 2-wire or 3-wire Quick Connect/Disconnect to new fixture. |
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<td>Remove the Lockout-Tagout device(s), re-energize the light fixture(s) and return the lighting to regular service.</td>
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