Electrical Safety
- safe isolation of electrical equipment

This guide explains how you should safely isolate electrical equipment prior to working. It is essential you follow a safe procedure to prevent both electric shock and injuries due to equipment starting up unexpectedly.

The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989

Regulation 13 Precautions for work on equipment made dead:

Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent **electrical equipment**, which has been made dead in order to prevent **danger** while work is carried out on or near that equipment, from becoming electrically charged during that work if **danger** may thereby arise.

1. Equipment Required

You need the following equipment to be able to safely isolate and lock off a supply:

- Isolation padlock & key
- Multiple worker isolation padlock tag
- Isolation devices to suit different isolators / MCBs etc
- Warning notices
- Voltage tester
- Voltage proving unit

2. Safe Isolation procedure

1. Identify the circuit or equipment to be worked on
2. Check condition of voltage tester and operation against a known voltage supply
3. Isolate supply and secure isolation – lock off (multi lock off if multiple workers)
4. Prove circuit dead – use voltage tester and re check against a known voltage supply
5. Retain key and post ‘caution’ and ‘danger’ notices
6. Take precautions against adjacent live circuits / equipment – if any
7. Issue permit to work
8. Work dead

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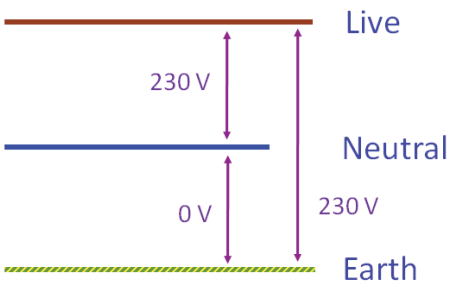
3. Reinstating Supply

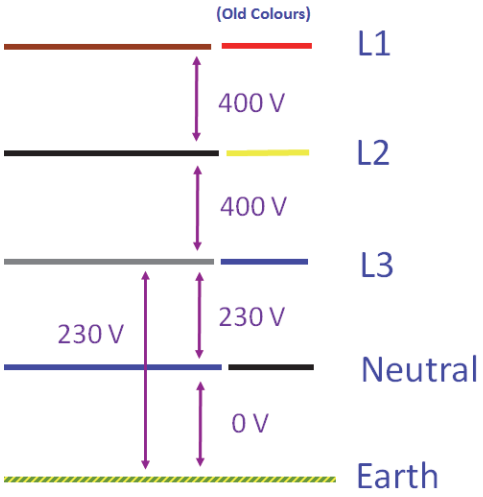
1. Ensure all work is complete
2. Ensure all covers and lids are replaced
3. Remove lock off and warning notices (multi unlock if multiple workers)
4. Reinstate supply
5. Turn on equipment locally if possible
6. Sign off permit to work

4. Voltages and Cable colours

Single phase



Three phase



5. More Information

http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg85.pdf

http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsr25.pdf

http://www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/mediafile/100117573/Best-Practice-Guide-2.pdf

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