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## ¢ Safety Sense ¢

Improper identification.....

Unplugging the wrong circuit.....

Not locking and tagging out the visual disconnect.......

Not using a meter to ensure there is no power......

Every year a fatality or serious injury can be attributed to one or all of the above failures. The most recent involved unplugging the wrong circuit for a pump, resulting in serious flash burns. Victims convince themselves that they have a good excuse right up to the time of the accident. Have you heard these.....?

"It will just take a second to fix this; we don't need to remove the power"

"Have the buggy man (or someone else) go and pull the power on this so I can work on it"

"The power is off anyway, there's no use in going down and pulling the plug"

I'm sure you have heard others, but don't get sidetracked with shortcuts!

Remember, electrical safety laws were put in place after the same failures were committed by long gone miners......please don't make the same mistakes!



- Be sure the breaker, plug and receptacle are properly identified
- Identify the equipment you are going to work on
- \* Remove the power
- Lock and tag out the visual disconnect
- Check the circuit with a meter to ensure there is no power

<u>It only takes a few minutes to work safely.....</u> but only a fraction of a second to lose your life!