Underground Electrical Hazards for Municipalities Fatality File

Underground Electrical Wire Accidents

Two construction workers in Orange County, California received severe electrical shocks and burns to their faces and hands when their jackhammers contacted an underground high-voltage line.

Nature of the incident: The two construction workers received severe electrical shocks and burns to their faces and hands when their jackhammers came into contact with an underground high-voltage line.

Cause of the incident: The incident appears to have been caused by the workers accidentally hitting a live power line while using their jackhammers.

Response to the incident: Emergency services were called immediately, and the two workers were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. It is not clear what their current condition is.

Potential consequences: Electrical shocks can have serious long-term consequences, including nerve damage, muscle damage, and even cardiac arrest. Burns can also be severe and require extensive medical treatment.

Importance of safety precautions: This incident highlights the importance of following proper safety protocols when working with heavy machinery or near electrical lines. Employers are responsible for providing proper training and safety equipment to their workers to prevent accidents like this from happening.