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## Pink 'Switching in Progress' Vest

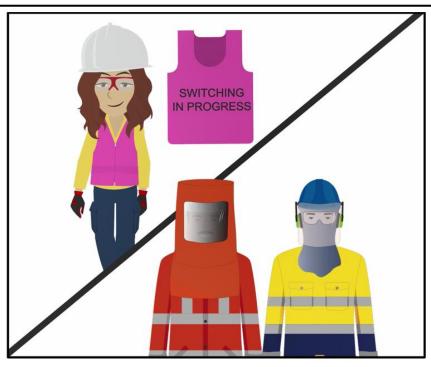
When there is a risk of arc flash and an arc rated kit is applied, applying the pink 'switching in progress' vest is not mandatory.

Applying the vests over arc rated PPE may introduce additional hazards such as:

- Restricting the movement of the worker
- Risk of switching vest ignition should an arc flash event occur
- An additional layer of clothing compounding heat stress.

Workers are reminded to refrain from distracting or disturbing Field Operators while they are carrying out switching activities. These are critical activities which ensure electrical and mechanical equipment is prepared safe for work, and returned to service correctly.

The Field Operator Handbooks will be amended accordingly.



A "switching in progress" vest is not recommended when there is an arc flash risk. The vest is not arc rated and may ignite during an arc flash event. The principle for the vest is still applicable, and workers are reminded to refrain from distracting or disturbing Field Operators while they are carrying out switching activities.

## Resources:

- Handbook Field Operator HV
- Handbook Field Operator LVMECH

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