PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING UNATTENDED, EXPOSED, ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITES

At active, permitted construction sites, no energized electrical equipment shall be exposed without a qualified attendant on the premises.

When performing an inspection, if energized electrical equipment is observed to have been exposed and unattended prior to the arrival of the inspector, this shall constitute an immediate hazard. Immediate hazard is hereby defined as a condition or situation where someone could be exposed to an electrical shock due to open, defective, or damaged wiring or equipment; such as exposed live wires, exposed live parts of equipment, live parts that are only partially enclosed, arcing or smoking wiring or equipment or, any other such condition.

In these situations, the inspector shall not perform the inspection and immediately notify the contractor and property owner of the hazard.

If the contractor or property owner are not immediately available to correct the situation, the inspector shall tape off the area of the panel and document the condition in the correction notice to the contractor.

The inspector shall notify the office manager and Chief Electrical Inspector of the hazard encountered and that inspection was denied. The office manager shall determine if a re-inspection fee of one hour will be assessed.

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