Electrical Safety Awareness in the Workplace

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Safety BASICs



Shock

- Over 30,000 non-fatal electrical shock accidents occur each year
- Over 600 people die from electrocution each year
- Electrocution remains the fourth (4th) highest cause of industrial fatalities
- Most injuries and deaths could be avoided

- **b** #10 -Lack of or, inadequate procedures
 - LOTO
 - -No procedures
 - -Procedures unworkable as written
 - -Auditing of procedures
 - Voltage Testing
 - -No procedure for establishing a "zero energy state"
 - Trouble shooting
 - -Working on "live" equipment



- **b** #9 Contractors
 - Not informed / unaware of Electrical Safety Rules
 - -1910.331-335
 - -NFPA 70E
 - -Multi employer policy
 - Inadequate / lack of PPE
 - Causing exposure hazards for host employers employees

- **b** #8 -Storage about Electrical Enclosures
 - Turn electrical rooms into storage locations
 - Clearance Requirements
 - -3 feet in front of enclosure
 - -Minimum 30 inches wide
 - -Minimum 6.5 feet high



- b #7 Access to areas containing Energized or High Voltage Equipment
 - Substations
 - -Secure, warnings, clearances
 - Rooms/Vaults
 - -Secure, Warnings
 - Unqualified persons accessing electrical equipment



- **b** #6 -Labeling of electrical interrupting devices
 - Breakers, disconnects, etc. not labeled as to load served
 - Panels not labeled
 - Panel Directories missing, incomplete, incorrect
 - How is LOTO being accomplished ?



- b #5 Arc Flash
 - Not aware of hazard
 - -Allows inadvertent exposure
 - No training
 - Improper clothing
 - -Synthetic fiber
 - Lack of FR Clothing / PPE
 - Not protected from flash
 - No Hazard Analysis (Voltage, Flash)





Arc Flash and Shock Hazard Appropriate PPE Required

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24 inch Flash Hazard Boundary

3 cal/cm² Flash Hazard at 18 inches

1 PPE Level,1 Layer 6 oz Nomex ®,

Leather Gloves Faceshield

480 VAC Shock Hazard when Cover is removed

36 inch Limited Approach

12 inch Restricted Approach - 500 V Class 00 Gloves

1 inch Prohibited Approach - 500 V Class 00 Gloves

Equipment Name Slurry Pump Starter

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Equipment Labeling

- At least one of the following:
 - Incident energy at identified working distance
 - Minimum arc rating of clothes
 - Required level of PPE
 - Highest HRC for the equipment
- **Nominal system voltage**
- **Arc flash boundary**
 - (method of calculation and supporting data must be documented)





- **b** #4 Electrical PPE (Gloves)
 - Don't have any / don't know what is required
 - Wrong Class
 - -Classes 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
 - Not tested
 - -Prior to first Issue
 - -Every 6 months
 - -user checks prior to use













- **b** #3-Tools and Meter Selection
 - Don't have any VR tools
 - Unable to recognize VR tools
 - Wrong Category of Meter for type of work being performed

- **b** #2-Unguarded / Exposed Conductors
 - Missing Panel Covers
 - Enclosures not secured
 - Lack of knowledge concerning safe clearance distances for the voltage involved









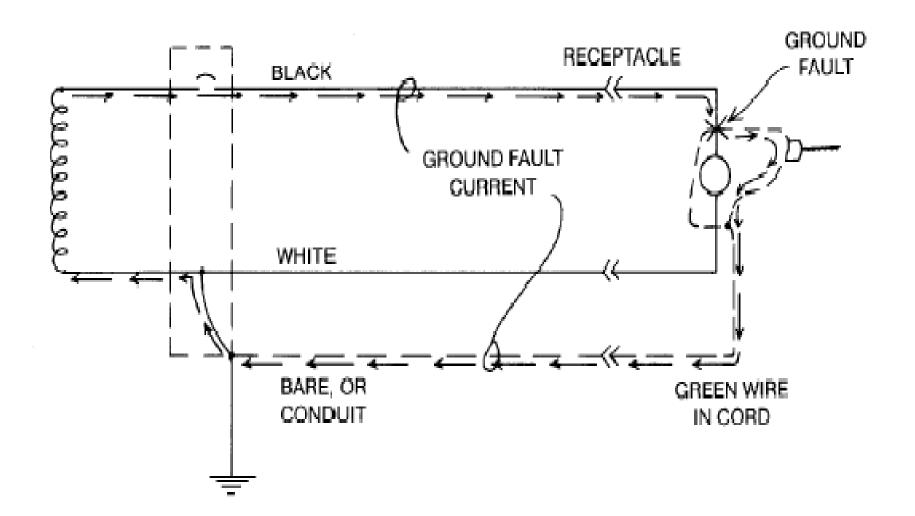


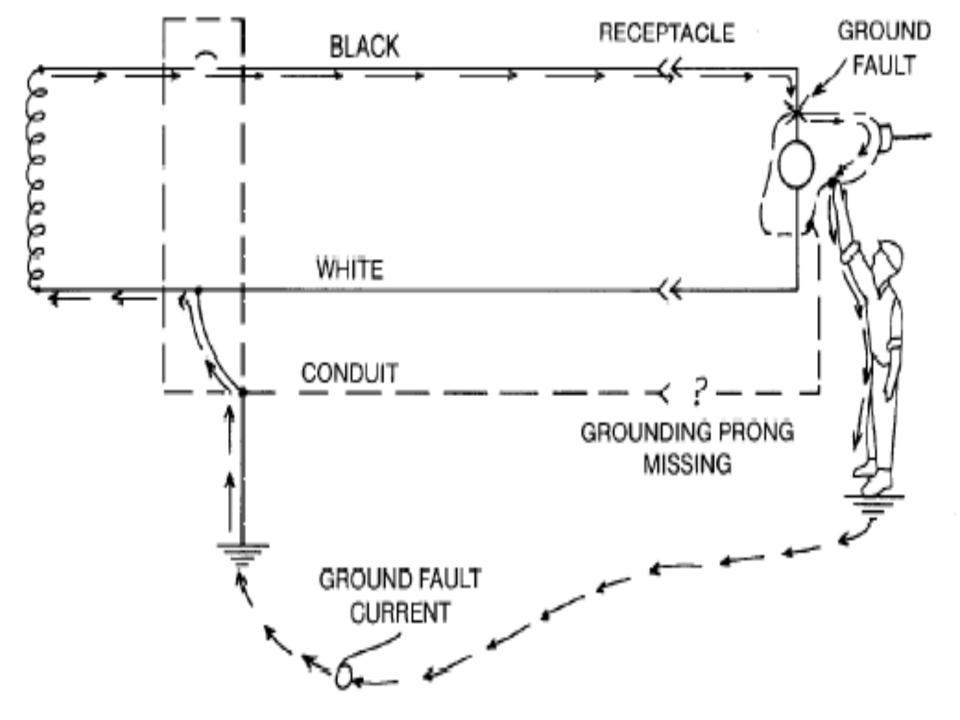
- b #1 Lack of Awareness/ Inspection / Recognition of Electrical Hazards
 - Inspection of electrical tools
 - Inspection of cords (type, gauge, damage)
 - GFCI usage / operation
 - Importance of grounds
- **b What voltage constitutes an Electrical Hazard P**











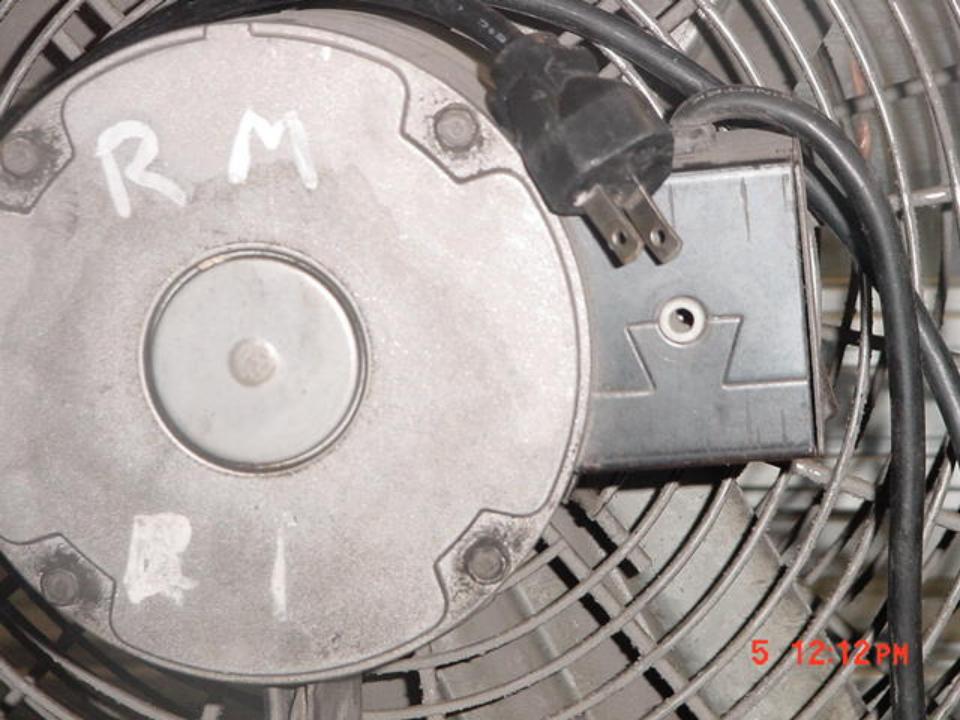
Balanced load between hot and neutral(1 amp out 1 amp back). Sensor Push to GFCI test button Circuiting circuit GFCI Chasis contacts Phase Conductor (closed position) 1 Amp _oad Service 1 Amp Neutral ground $0 \, \mathrm{Amp}$ resistor Sensing coil Equipment (toroidal coil) Grounding Conductor



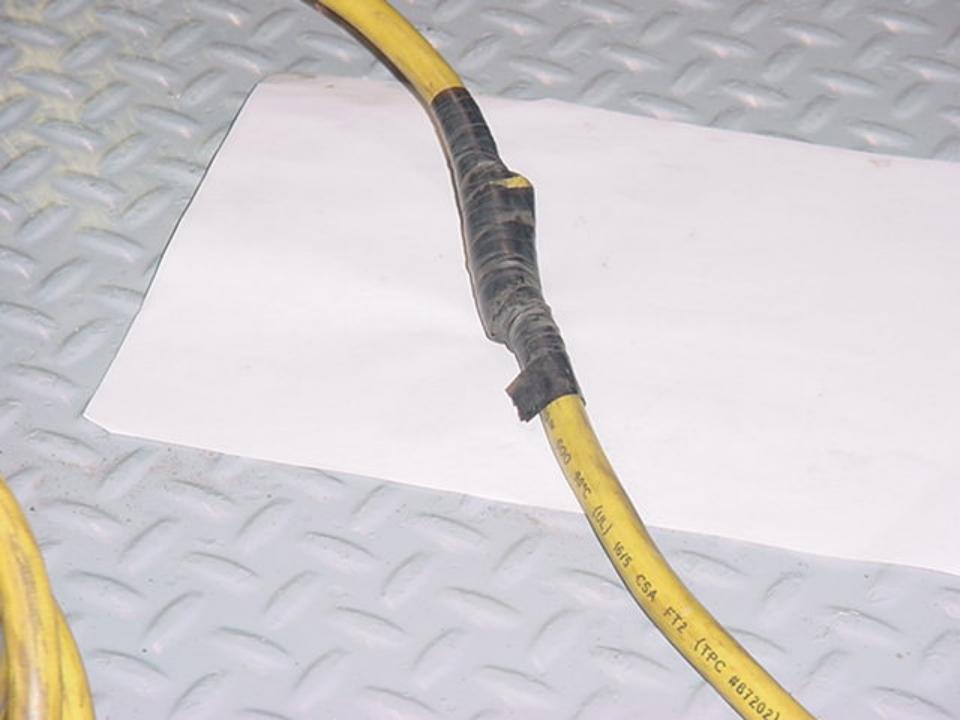














- b This was just an overview of Common electrical workplace hazards.
- There are more, but addressing the items we have discussed is a good starting point.
- **b** Thanks for your attention and participation

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