

ARC FLASH AND ISOLATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

Featuring Keynote Speakers:

HUGH HOAGLAND

International arc flash testing and electrical safety expert

Founder of ArcWear



MIKE FRAIN

Authority on the drafting and training of electrical safety procedures



Lead consultant for the authorship of the DuPont™ Arcguide



**9th & 10th
June 2015**
**Marriott Hotel,
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WHAT YOU WILL GAIN FROM THIS EVENT:

- Hear local and international case studies detailing the latest arc flash mitigation strategies and solutions
- Learn about UK & EU standards developments in arc flash
- Learn about electrical safety statistics and the implications for you
- Learn practical considerations for PPE selection and testing
- Learn about standards including NFPA 70E 2012, ENA-NENS 09, AS4836, AS 3000 and AS 3439
- Understand how to achieve a compliant and electrically safe work place
- Learn how to provide arc flash training for your staff
- Detail the steps to perform an arc flash hazard analysis
- Clearly understand what an arc flash is and the potential injuries that can result
- Define what personal protective equipment (PPE) is required on your site
- Learn how to perform testing and maintenance on your personal protective equipment (PPE)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Electrical Technicians, Engineers and Managers
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INTRODUCTION TO THE ARC FLASH AND ISOLATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

Arc flash is a topical issue in the electrical engineering community as many people in the UK receive severe and debilitating burns each year. Technology and safety procedures have significantly reduced most other forms of electrical injuries; however incidents related to arc flash have surfaced as one of the leading causes of injury and even death to workers. The technical aspects and physics associated with arc flash are still somewhat debatable. There have been concerns about the physics of electrical arcing faults being significantly different to those established by the USA with the NFPA 70E and the IEEE 1584 standards. Although arc flash is a contentious and critical issue, there are still no UK specific standards to deal with arc flash safety. In terms of legislation, there is a requirement in the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 for 'suitable and sufficient' risk assessment to be undertaken. There is also the need to meet the requirements of the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

In addition to arc flash incidents, electrical workers in the UK suffer electric shock and burn injuries as a direct consequence of electrical contractors and others not implementing safe isolation procedures. In electrical engineering,

isolator/disconnect switches which can be secured in the OFF position, are commonly used to make sure an electrical circuit is completely de-energised for maintenance or service. Other devices such as fuses or mcbs with appropriate locking features may also be used. These switches and devices are commonly installed in electrical distribution and industrial settings for the purpose of safe isolation. Before working on or near high energy electrical sources they should be isolated, but this is not always possible. In most countries it is now illegal to work 'live' unless prescribed protective measures are taken. That does not stop workers from knowingly and unknowingly taking risks and carrying out live work, sometimes resulting in consequential arc flash. The hope is that the allotted personal protection equipment (PPE) when properly worn will be able to withstand the arc flash energy, but this is not always the case.

In some cases arc flash, PPE is being extensively promoted as the solution to any problem but as the legislation clearly sets out, the way to tackle hazards such as arc flash is firstly to eliminate the hazard and turn off the power. If this is not possible then distancing the worker from the hazard is the next option, and if this is not possible only then providing appropriate PPE as a measure of last resort.

CONFERENCE DAY ONE – 9th June 2015

8.00am	Registration
8.15am	Opening Address
8.30am Session 1 WORK SHOP	<p>HALF-DAY WORKSHOP</p> <p>International standards for electrical safety, NFPA 70E 2012 and arc flash PPE standards from US and EU</p>  <p>Hugh Hoagland – Founder of e-Hazard and ArcWear, ArcWear – USA</p> <p>This workshop will provide an overview of international standards on electrical safety including shock and arc flash. It will cover the basics of IEC, IEEE, ASTM, NFPA and CSA standards, and their inter-reliabilities. Section two covers arc flash PPE and research in PPE in arc flash, from clothing to flash hoods, shoes, gloves, fall protection devices and many other items worn by workers in arc flash incidents. The information comes from accident investigations performed by Mr Hoagland and his arc flash testing research.</p> <p>Includes Morning Tea – 10.00-10.30am</p>
	Lunch – 12.00pm
1.00pm Session 2 KEY NOTE	<p>Introduction to arc flash and isolation safety</p>  <p>Mike Frain – Director of R & D, Electrical Safety UK Ltd (ESUK)</p> <p>The presentation will focus on the need to comply with European directives, US standards, and local UK and Irish law when managing electrical safety, with particular focus on the arc flash hazard. Several examples will be provided from ESUK's experience to build a better picture of where incidents and injuries could have been easily avoided. Some emphasis will be given to low voltage systems as this is where most interactions with live equipment occur, and practical solutions for reducing arc flash risks are required.</p>
2.00pm Session 3	<p>Current and future directions for arc flash standards</p> <p>Adrian Thorp – PPE and Product Consultant, DCL Safety</p> <p>There is an abundance of PPE equipment in the market for arc flash protection and compliance to IEC/EN standards, which will protect against electrical arc flash risk. However there are many conflicting articles on the internet on what they mean and what they do. Here we will look at the direction of where the standards are going, especially as EN61482-2 is being revised at present. We will also look at how some product standards are seen by end users and manufacturers.</p>

	Afternoon Tea – 2.45pm
3.15pm Session 4	<p>Practical solutions for reducing arc flash hazard</p> <p>John Maplesden – Principal Consultant, Electrical Safety UK Ltd</p> <p>This presentation will include a number of case studies where mitigation techniques have been applied to reduce the arc flash hazard. These will include, modification of existing protection settings to reduce incident energy levels, adoption of revised distribution system configurations, and the development of safe systems of work together with many other practical examples culled from experience. The emphasis will be on practical solutions to real world situations based on 20 years' experience in completing complex arc flash risk assessments within the UK and Europe, for many multinational organisations.</p>
4.00pm Session 5	<p>Arc flash hazard calculations – avoiding the flash</p> <p>Andrew Hogan – Electrical Projects Lead Engineer, Premium Power</p> <p>Arc flash is the by-product of an electrical short circuit fault. The consequences of an arc flash include burning, blindness, loss of hearing, impact injury and even death. These accidents typically occur while equipment is being worked on or operated which highlights the risks to those working on live electrical equipment, but also to those working nearby. Accurately calculating the arc flash incident energy levels is critical to tackling arc flash hazard. Once calculated, the arc flash incident energy levels can be integrated into an electrical risk assessment, so the person(s) at risk such as electricians and people working close to electrical equipment can suitably implement control measures and mitigation solutions to reduce the likelihood and severity of the hazard.</p>
	Closing – 4.45pm
	<p>Networking Session – 5.00pm to 6.00pm</p> <p>An hour dedicated for all attendees to meet and socialise with experts and industry peers at the Arc Flash and Isolation Safety Conference Cocktail Hour.</p> 



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CONFERENCE DAY TWO – 10th June 2015

8.30am
Session 6
KEY NOTE

Electrical safety: more than arc flash
Hugh Hoagland – Founder of e-Hazard and ArcWear, ArcWear – USA



This paper will use statistics from electrical safety surveys to expand the case for comprehensive safety programs which address proper engineering, arc flash, lockout/tagout, shock protection, grounding, training and program auditing to prevent fatalities and severe injuries. Updates to standards in the EU and US will be covered focusing on NFPA 70E 2012 and National Electric Safety Code (NEC 2012).

9.30am
Session 7

Best practice for lockout tagout – preventing arc flash disasters
Cathal McGrath – Director of Operations (Arc Flash PPE Division), Powerpoint Engineering Ltd

Protecting workers from arc flash risk is the responsibility of UK employers. Here you will learn about lockout tagout compliance and legal requirements including UK, EU and USA/OSHA regulations to protect your employees. The development of safety programs and procedures will be covered and how to effectively implement these programs. The types of lockout devices such as electrical, valve, mechanical, padlock and tagging systems, storage and control and the benefits of colour coding will also be explored.

Morning Tea – 10.15am

10.45am
Session 8

Safe switching – Guinness brewery power station case study
Neil Brookes – UK General Manager, CBSARCSAFE

This session will include an equipment demonstration of a racking unit which delegates will be invited to operate. This equipment has been designed with the safety of the operator in mind and this different approach to design will showcase how workers can switch or rack their electrical assets safely outside of the arc flash zone.

After you attend this session you will be aware of how to undertake an arc flash study, the affects of arc flash, and the appropriate use of PPE as an enhancement, not a replacement for good working practices. Case studies from two sites will be covered, one from the Northern Ireland Guinness Brewery Power Station, and their request for a remote switching solution due to high arc flash incident levels.

11.30am
Session 9

Investigating ways to prevent electrical arc flash
Simon Nicholson – GSE Systems Ltd

Arc flash incidents can result in significant damage to electrical systems, and injuries or fatalities to personnel. This paper discusses the importance of mitigation measures in the framework of a complete and on going management of the arc flash risk. An overview of conventional and innovative risk mitigation methods is presented. Data is derived from historical arc flash studies across a broad range of industries. Moreover, analysis of arc incident energies pre and post mitigation shows that risk control measures can lead to significant hazard reduction. Although a number of cost effective risk mitigation techniques exist, it is not always possible to reduce arc flash severity. Thus, within the context of studies into new ways to reduce the hazard, considering factors influencing the initiation and behaviour of the arc and quantification of other hazardous components of arc flash should be investigated for future arc model development and testing.

Lunch – 12.15pm

1.15pm
Session 10

Understanding the electric arc flash hazard
Angus Long – Electric Arc Flash PPE Specialist, Skanwear

Electric arc flash is unpredictable and the effect can be fatal, but it can be avoided as long as everyone involved is aware of the risks. Here you will learn about electrical hazards and their effects on humans including a case study, personal protective equipment (PPE), hazard risk categories, creating an FR/ARC program, PPE standards and options, arc flash hazard analysis and the difference between flame retardant and fire resistant clothing and open arc (IEC61482-1-1) & closed box arc tests (IEC61482-1-2).

2.00pm
Session 11

How to assess electric arc hazards and protect workers – northern powergrid case study
Elaina Harvey – UK Thermal Specialist and Western Europe Electric Arc End User Specialist, Dupont

This presentation will approach the importance of understanding and managing electrical arc hazards. Where the risk cannot be controlled by prevention or where there is a residual risk of injury, it may be necessary to consider personal protective equipment (PPE) to prevent injury to the worker. The new arc flash standards IEC 61482-2, EN 61482-1-1 and EN 61482-1-2 will be highlighted together with a lightweight, comfortable European layering approach to ensure that the worker is not restricted from cumbersome clothing. A case study from UK distribution business Northern Powergrid will be covered.

Afternoon Tea – 2.45pm

3.15pm
Session 12

Personal protective equipment for arc flash – common misunderstandings
Simon Raglione-Hall – Technical Manager, Clydesdale Ltd

Everyone knows that the correct personal protective equipment (PPE) is a key, final step in mitigating residual arc flash risks in an electrical system, and that it is vital to specify the right PPE solution for the work conditions. This presentation will cover common misunderstandings, misconceptions and areas of confusion when it comes to arc flash risk and PPE. The aim is to present an analysis of some common issues and offer reasoned solutions. Case studies from various industries will be covered. An interactive exercise allowing attendees to experience simulated work tasks while wearing full arc PPE will be provided.

4.00pm
Session 13

Discussion Panel

This session will provide delegates with the opportunity to ask our panel of speakers questions and to discuss safety issues in their workplace, covering typical problems and possible solutions.

Closing – 4.30pm

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

HUGH HOAGLAND

Founder of e-Hazard and ArcWear, ArcWear – USA

Hugh Hoagland is among the world's foremost experts on electrical arc testing and safety. He has helped develop most of the arc-resistant rainwear used in the world today as well as creating the first face shield to protect against electric arcs. Hugh has helped with the development of legislation and standards in both the United States and Europe and sits on several industry committees. Before moving to full-time training and consulting, Hugh also worked for Cintas developing their strategy for meeting the needs of OSHA 1910.269 and NFPA 70E standards.



MIKE FRAIN

Director of R & D, Electrical Safety UK Ltd (ESUK)

Mike has held senior management positions in contracting, utilities and facilities maintenance companies having direct responsibility for putting people to work on a full range of complex and large power electrical systems throughout the UK. Mike has become an authority on the drafting and training of electrical safety procedures and processes and has been credited with raising awareness about new electrical arc flash risk control measures within the UK and is the lead consultant for the authorship of the DuPont™ Arcguide which is a unique risk assessment tool based upon compliance with European legislation.



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