WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND SABOTAGE OR A DAMAGED INSTALLATION

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DO THIS NOW

1. Keep away and keep other people away. Do not touch cables, pipes, cabinets or anything lying nearby. Treat every cable as live.
2. If you smell gas, leave at once. No flames, no light switches, and do not use your phone until you are well away.
3. Call **112** if there is fire, smoke, sparks, a leak or a loose cable, or if anyone is hurt.
4. If there is no immediate danger, call the police on **113**. Say exactly where it is and what you saw.
5. If someone is still there, do not follow or challenge them. Note what you can from a distance. See Suspicious behaviour.
6. Do not post photos or the location online. Give them to the police.
7. Get ready for an outage: fill water containers while the taps work, charge your phone, and follow LU-Alert and the radio.

BEFORE

WHAT SABOTAGE CAN LOOK LIKE

- Electricity or telecom cabinets, fences or gates that have been forced open, cut or burnt.
- Cut cables, damaged meters, or cables hanging from a mast or a building.
- Water installations, such as a pumping station, reservoir cover or hydrant, that have been opened or tampered with.
- Damage near railway lines, substations, gas stations or phone masts, sometimes with marks or stickers nearby.

PREPARE FOR OUTAGES

- A power, water or phone outage may be the first sign of sabotage. Keep supplies for the first days; see the **emergency kit checklist**.
- Write the police and emergency numbers in your **household plan**, on paper as well as in your phone.
- Know where your own water stopcock, gas valve and fuse box are, so you can shut them off if you are told to.

AFTER

- Let the network operator and the emergency services do the repair. Do not try to reconnect or fix anything yourself.
- If a water installation was involved, follow official instructions before you drink tap water again. See **No water, or water unsafe**.
- If the power or the network goes down, switch to **Power is out** or **Phone and internet down**.
- If the police contact you, tell them everything you noticed, even small details.
- Check rumours before you share them. See **False information**.

IF YOU ARE...

LOOKING AFTER CHILDREN

- Teach them never to touch cabinets, cables or anything that looks broken, and to tell an adult straight away.

OLDER, ILL, OR LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

- If you rely on powered medical equipment, plan a backup now: a sabotaged line can mean a long outage.
- If you cannot call, ask someone nearby to call for you.

AT WORK ON A SENSITIVE SITE

- Report to your security officer as well as the police, and follow your site's emergency plan.

OUT WALKING OR CYCLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

- Damage at a remote mast, line or pumping station can go unnoticed for hours. Report it even if you think someone else already has.

EASY-READ SUMMARY

- Keep away. Do not touch cables or pipes.
- Call the emergency number if there is fire, a leak or someone is hurt.
- Otherwise call the police and say where it is.
- Do not post photos online.
- Fill water containers in case of an outage.

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