

**WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY  
LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS**



<b>Topic</b>	Electrical safety - Protective equipment	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
<b>Statute</b>	<i>Regulation 91-191</i>	Date Issued: September 8, 1997
<b>Section</b>	288	Date Revised:

**288** An employer shall ensure that an employee does not work on an energized electrical installation, electrical utility line or utility line equipment or closer to an energized electrical utility line or utility line equipment than the applicable distances set out in subsection 289(1) unless the employee uses rubber gloves, shields, insulated objects or other necessary protective equipment.

**Question**

Does the employee have to wear insulated rubber gloves when using testing equipment such as an ampere, voltage meter etc....on energized electrical installations?

**Response:**

No, providing the employee is a qualified person as defined in section 286 and the testing equipment being used is appropriately insulated for the job.