

Special Services Division Safety Tips for Electrical Vaults

The following tips are to provide safety for the occupants in the building and give the mechanic early warning signs of possible problems with the system.

- Before entering into an electrical transformer vault, listen for any abnormally loud or unusual noises and smell for any unusual odors.
- If there are remote kill switches in your building, know their location in case of an emergency to facilitate the de-energizing of all incoming feeder breakers.
- Electrical vaults should not be used as a storage room. If there is a fire, there should not be anything causing an obstruction to authorized personnel.
- It is essential to have a working telephone in each Main Incoming Electrical Vault for mechanics to call emergency services immediately. (Cellular phones are not reliable inside the vaults)
- If you find the Main Feeder Breaker open, do not attempt to close it. Call the GSA Switchgear Shop immediately.