



Bishan-Toa Payoh  
Town Council

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Update from Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council

### **Electric Shock of 2 Teenage Boys from Lamp Post at Blk 63 Lorong 5 Toa Payoh**

1. On Sunday, 13 June 2021, at about 8.30pm, Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council (BTPTC) was informed by EMSU that two boys had suffered electric shock at the turf area in front of Blk 63 Lorong 5 Toa Payoh. BTPTC immediately went onsite to attend to the incident and learnt that the boys had been conveyed to the hospital. We immediately cut the supply to the mains supplying to the lamp post and those within the same circuitry.
2. On 14 June 2021, BTPTC successfully reached out to one of the boy's parents and was informed that both boys were in stable condition. We found out later that one of the boys has been discharged, while the other is still under observation in the hospital. Throughout, BTPTC maintain communication with the families to offer assistance.
3. On the same day, BTPTC's Licence Electrical Worker (LEW) had also completed the checks to establish the probable cause of the electric shock. Our LEW noticed a small tear to the insulation of the live wire inside the lamp post. This would not be visible unless we remove the junction box. From the finding, the LEW assessed the exposed part of the wire touching the metal part of the lamp post could be the cause of the electric shock. LEW has also checked other lamp posts within the same circuitry and found no similar situation. The incident could be an isolated case as there was also no previous similar incident of such nature.
4. On 15 June 2021, works were carried out to rectify the finding and have since completed.
5. For information, BTPTC's LEW carries out six-monthly inspection to switch rooms and electrical installations to ensure that they are safe. The affected lamp post was last checked early this year and the next check is in July 2021. Our staff also carry out monthly inspections of the exterior of outdoor features/fittings to check for defects and would promptly follow up on rectification where required.
6. BTPTC sees such incidents seriously and will continue to ensure the safety of electrical installations in the GRC and SMC.
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