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Electrical Safety Around Power Wires

At any time, and for many reasons, electric power wires can fall down or come within reach of people. Sometimes wires come down during storms, or because of a vehicle accident. Similarly, as trees grow, they can enable wires to come within easy reach of anyone climbing the tree.

In the case of trees, or other items touching live wires, a person touching the tree (or other item) can get an electric shock without actually touching the wire itself.

Electrical safety can easily be ignored, but everyone needs to know that they should never go near wires without being certain that it is safe to do so. Unless it is actually **proven** to be safe by an electrically competent person, the wire must be treated as live, as it is quite likely to be live.

Anyone finding power wires down should contact Northpower’s fault service on (09) 430 1800 immediately and make sure no-one else goes near them.

Parents should also teach their children to keep well away from electric wires and from trees close to electric wires. Children should also be able to recognize the normal electrical warning notices and know to keep away.



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