

Energy Safety

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**If you can reach it ... watch it.
Treat power lines with respect.**

Observe these simple safety-first rules:

- Always check the location of power lines before you start work.
- Never stack irrigation pipes, park machinery/equipment, large containers or transportable buildings or unload such items underneath power lines.
- Never up-end a pipe, pole, ladder etc. without looking up first. Always carry these items horizontally.
- **Remember** – power line heights are deceptive. Know the operation and maximum height of your machinery.
- Provide an observer to check your position when working close to overhead power lines.
- If in doubt, always contact the supply authority for advice and assistance.
- If you do see a power line that has been damaged or has fallen down, stay clear and ensure others are kept away. Have someone else notify the electricity supply network operator.
- When planning the transport of high loads, contact the electricity supply network operator first.





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