

# Powerlines - Look up and live

**If you are working near powerlines, you could be in danger. You could also be breaking the law. That's why you need to plan ahead.**

**You or an object could hit the line, risking your safety and the safety of others. Someone could even be electrocuted. On top of that, you could damage the power network and be financially liable.**

## What are the rules?

- You are not allowed to work within three metres of powerlines up to 33 000 volts.
- For lines between 33 000 volts and up to 132 000 volts, the distance is five metres.
- Power and Water's overhead power distribution lines are usually between 415 volts and 22 000 volts.
- All other structures are generally more than 33 000 volts.

The only exception to these clearances is if you have Power and Water's written permission to do the work. If you are in any doubt at all, please call us on 1800 245 092.

## Potentially dangerous situations

Potentially dangerous situations could include:

- Painting the house.
- Moving a boat with a mast.
- Trimming trees or pruning mango orchards.
- Operating mobile cranes or machinery near powerlines.
- Using scaffolding.

## Five reasons to plan ahead

Remember, working near powerlines without planning first can:

- Lead to serious injury or even death.
- Result in criminal charges or damages claims.
- Inconvenience other people who may lose power or water.
- Cause financial loss to businesses.
- Delay project completion until the power is restored.

## Stay safe around electricity

Whenever you are working near powerlines, you should make it a habit to look up. Stay aware of where the powerlines are and how close you or your equipment is to them – and remember to phone us first.

Suppling electricity to Territorians safely and reliably – it's what we do.

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