

Risks When Angling in Close Proximity to Overhead Electric Power Lines - Guidance for Management



Every year cases are reported of angling equipment contacting overhead electric power lines. Some have resulted in horrific burn injuries and even death.

With the increasing development of fishing rods and poles, there is a risk of accidental contact with overhead electric power lines.

Key facts:

- Overhead electric power lines are difficult to see at night and against a dark or light background.
- Electricity lines normally have yellow 'Danger of Death' warning notices fitted to the poles or towers.
- Many fishing rods and poles conduct electricity.
- Electricity jumps through the air, so it is not necessary to touch an overhead electric power line to suffer injury.

Electricity companies and the major stakeholders associated with angling have established a working group, which has met on a regular basis for more than 15 years. This group is managed and facilitated by Energy Networks Association (ENA).

In October 2005 the group published a guidance document regarding angler safety on 'managed' and 'unmanaged' sites. Visit ENA's website to obtain a copy.

Don't risk being injured
LOOK UP AND LOOK BEHIND YOU
Follow a few simple rules and stay safe

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