

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



There have been a number of instances where anglers have suffered serious and fatal injuries due to contacting overhead electric power lines.

Planning Authorities considering 'change of land use' applications must consider the safety implications of new fisheries developments in addition to environmental concerns.

Assessing the risks:

A simple system has been developed (see below) within the guidance to assess the risks from overhead electric power lines. Always remember:

- The risk assessment should be carried out as a group process.
- The risk assessment should be carried out on site.
- Those contributing to the risk assessment should have appropriate skills and local knowledge.
- Seek guidance from the local electricity company.

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 to provide information to Planning Authorities considering applications for new commercial fisheries. 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