

Look Out, Look Up

Tree trimmers and the arboriculture industry are being reminded of the risks associated with overhead electricity wires as part of the Be Bright Stay Safe campaign by UK's biggest electricity distribution company, UK Power Networks.

When equipment or machinery is used near overhead power lines the risks must be considered and controlled in the interest of everyone's safety.

Emma Palmer, education and engagement advisor said:

"Overhead electricity wires carry a powerful electric charge which can conduct through machinery and equipment. A moment's loss of concentration can result in accidental contact with electricity, which can result in serious injury or death. Imagine the impact this would have on family and colleagues."

Emma gave some guidelines to follow to help keep everyone safe:

"Always contact UK Power Networks for advice on shrouding or disconnections before starting work."

- Contact UK Power Networks for copies of cable plans showing where power lines are situated and mark this information on your site plan
- Assess your safe working clearances to overhead power lines
- Ensure everyone working on site, contractors and casual workers are aware of the location and voltages of overhead power lines
- Find out the maximum height of any equipment and machinery when all parts are fully extended
- Clearly signpost the dangers with high visibility warning notices

FINALLY- Check, look up and around for power lines before starting work

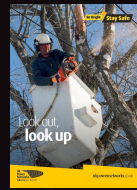


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