

Electrocution Emergency

(Powerlines)



Electrocution could occur if vehicles or other equipment come in contact with overhead power lines. In this situation vehicles could be live meaning anyone that touches or tries to leave the vehicle could be electrocuted. In high voltage system electricity can 'arc' without making contact with the wires.

Contact information

Emergency services	Fire/Police/Ambulance	111
Electricity supplier		
Electrician		
First aid trained person		
Manager		
Worksafe	Regulator	0800 030 040

What you need

- First aid kit
- Trained first aider
- NZ Red Cross app
- A way to communicate quickly (RT or mobile phone)

What to do

- 1 If you see a line down, call your electricity supplier immediately and make sure people and stock are kept well away.
- 2 If you hit power lines in your vehicle, stay still. If possible call emergency services and remain in the vehicle until help arrives.
- 3 If you do have to get out, jump as far away as possible keeping both feet together as you land
- 4 NEVER touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.
- 5 Shuffle away keeping both feet on the ground and close together.

After the event

- Ensure repair work has been carried out.
- Determine how the incident occurred and put a plan in place so it can't happen again.

Review date