
Worker Electrocuted!

A worker was relocating a ladder in the extended position, on a residential housing project, when it contacted the Utility's overhead primary line.

This scenario is happening far too frequently.

In recent months, there have been numerous accidents involving overhead conductor contacts, resulting in death and severe injury. Employers have a responsibility to educate their workers on the hazards surrounding construction sites, particularly overhead conductors. The Occupational Health and Safety Act must be followed with respect to Limits of Safe Approach.

All workers must look up, prior to extending, moving or climbing a ladder or scaffold, to ensure it is safe to proceed.

Persons employed to operate boom trucks, dump trucks, cranes or hoisting equipment, require proper training to identify the hazards overhead.

Using swimming pool skimmers, painting poles, pruning tools or erecting TV antennas we must exercise extreme caution, that we do not impede on the Limits of Safe Approach. **Look above!**

If you see other workers putting themselves at risk by working in close proximity to overhead conductors -- stop them, educate them, and **help save a life.**