

Powerlines on Job Sites

What Every Worker Needs to Know



DISTANCE SAVES LIVES

3 METRES

Stay at least **3 metres** from overhead powerlines
Includes equipment and loads

IMPORTANT: Orange coverups are for identification — not protection



10 METRES

Stay **10 metres** back from any downed powerline



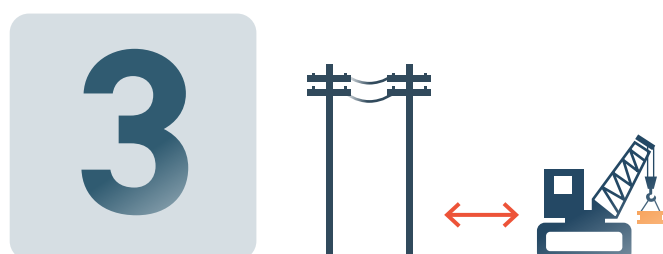
Before Work Starts Reduce the Risk



1 Complete a **site assessment**



2 Identify **overhead hazards** and **post warning signs**



3 Set up away from **powerlines** whenever possible



4 Use a **dedicated, competent signaler** when equipment could enter the approach zone



5 **Contact the utility early** — temporary de-energization may be possible

On the Job Stay Focused

Distraction can increase the risk around powerlines.

Common causes:

- ⚡ Rushing to meet timelines
- ⚡ Assuming someone else is watching clearance
- ⚡ A quick glance at a phone

If Contact Happens Stay Calm and Stay Clear

If equipment contacts a powerline:



- ✓ Stay in vehicle or on equipment
- ✓ Keep everyone 10 metres away, including emergency responders



- ✓ Call 911 and the local utility immediately
- ✓ Exit only when instructed by the utility

If you must exit the equipment due to an immediate danger (such as fire):

- ✓ Remove loose clothing
- ✓ Jump clear and land with both feet together without touching the equipment and ground at the same time
- ✓ Shuffle away heel-to-toe without lifting your feet for at least 10 metres

Working near powerlines? Know the rules.

Scan for safety tips and resources.

