

Safety Tips for the Family: Outdoor Hazards

- Don't play ball games near substations or attempt to retrieve lost items from these enclosures - contact the electricity company using the emergency number on the substation property notice and provide the call operator with the substation name and your details, for emergency call 999.
- Don't interfere with excavation sites where electrical equipment maybe exposed, removal of barriers and warning notices may also put others in danger. Blind people could fall into the holes and injure themselves. If the hole is deep and filled with water someone could drown.
- Don't attempt to climb pylons, or wooden electricity pole or trees near electricity wires - Stay away from electrical equipment - look for the Danger of Death notice - Look up and Look out for electricity wires.
- Don't manoeuvre tall-mast boats near overhead lines. Don't manoeuvre vehicles such as tipper trucks and diggers near overhead wires - Look up and Look out for overhead line electrical equipment.
- Don't play with kites near overhead wires. Electricity can travel down the string of a kite, especially in damp weather conditions.
- Don't walk near overhead wires with tent poles or carry ladders or other long objects - Look up and Look out for overhead line electrical equipment.
- Don't fish with or carry long carbon fibre fishing rods near overhead wires.
- Don't throw objects such as metal chains and bars at overhead power wires or other electrical equipment - Look up and Look out for overhead line electrical equipment and warning signs.
- Playing around water can be dangerous Hydro Schemes are close to rivers, lochs and reservoirs and these are an obvious attraction when it comes to boating, fishing, paddling and other water sports. Tempting as it may be to cool off on a hot day with a swim or row on the river, you may be unaware of lurking danger:
 - Very cold water flowing below the surface level can reduce your stamina and strength.
 - Fast currents at Hydro station intakes and outlets are often unseen and could pull you under.
 - Water turbines can start up, or sluice gates open very quickly, turning a meandering river into roaring white water – putting anyone downriver in danger.

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- If you are outside, near to water – Watch for dangers. Look for Warning Notices, Power Stations and Dams. Don't put yourself in a risky position. Always make sure there is adult help nearby in case you get into trouble – and also learn to help. You may be able to help yourself or others if you learn to do the right things in an emergency.
- Power Stations and sub stations can be dangerous places there are warning notices on all ScottishPower properties warning of the dangers.
- Stay out of disused buildings, as there are many dangers - unsafe electrical supplies, holes in floors and vermin.
- Don't tamper with vandalised street furniture, such as streetlights and traffic island bollards, where damage may have exposed live electrical connections - report any damaged equipment to the local electricity company or the police.
- Don't confuse overhead electricity wires, on poles, with telephone wires thought to be safe - if you can't tell the difference, treat them all as electricity cables.
- Damaging equipment or playing in substation enclosures is extremely dangerous as electricity can jump gaps and kill or you could be seriously injured. Report any vandalism or open substation to the local electricity company or the police. Use the electricity number on the nameplate and quote the substation name.