

## Electrical Safety Tips for the Family: Outdoor Electrical 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.
- 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.
- Don't vandalise a substation. Damaging equipment or playing in substation enclosures is extremely dangerous as electricity can jumps 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.