

## In the event of an accident or incident



Immediately report any incident to Network Tasman on 0800 508 100.

Contact with a power line, cable or electrical equipment can cause a power outage even when it appears there is no damage.

### If a conductor has fallen to the ground:

- ▶ Do not approach the conductor. All electrical conductors must be treated as live until tested and proven otherwise.
- ▶ Immediately report the incident to Network Tasman on 0800 508 100.
- ▶ Ensure members of the public and/or any livestock are kept well clear of the site.

### If a conductor has fallen onto a vehicle, an item of plant or machinery:

- ▶ Do not approach the conductor. All electrical conductors must be treated as live until tested and proven otherwise.
- ▶ Remain in the vehicle or on the item of plant or machinery if it is safe to do so.
- ▶ Immediately report the incident to Network Tasman on 0800 508 100. If the vehicle, plant or machinery has an RT call and request that the lines company is notified immediately.
- ▶ If safety dictates you must exit the vehicle, plant or machinery it is vital that you **JUMP CLEAR**. Do not climb out/off. With your feet close together jump as far as possible away from the vehicle, plant or machinery ensuring that you do not contact the ground simultaneously with any part of the vehicle, plant or machinery.
- ▶ Once clear of the vehicle, plant or machinery move away with your feet close together to avoid the risk of electrical shock.

## Key contacts and additional information

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Phone: 0800 508 098

### CABLE LOCATION CONTRACTORS

Delta Utilities | Ph 03 543 8071

PowerTrace (Steve Peters) | Ph 027 230 7456

### USEFUL LINKS

Links to the following documents can be found on Network Tasman's website or online.

**Worksafe NZ's Guide for Working Safely with Underground Services:**  
<http://bit.ly/underground-services>

**The Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34):**  
<http://bit.ly/safedistances>

**The Road Code – over dimension vehicles and load:**  
<http://bit.ly/factsheet53>

### ABOUT NETWORK TASMAN

Network Tasman operates and maintains the local power lines network in the Nelson-Tasman region (excluding central Nelson). It's our job to keep your lights on, fix any faults and keep the network safe.

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**HOMEOWNERS**

# KEEP YOURSELF SAFE

## Be safe around power lines and underground cables

Working near overhead power lines and underground power cables can be hazardous. If you hit or get too close to an electricity cable or overhead line there is a risk of:



Please save this brochure for future reference.

# KEEP YOURSELF SAFE



If you're thinking of doing work around your property that is near to power lines, or involves digging deeper than 300mm or within 2.2m of a power pole or stay wire, you need to read this brochure.

There is also important information in this brochure for boat owners.

## Working around your service line

Repairs to roofing, spouting, painting, water-blasting, tree trimming and scaffolding can be dangerous if carried out close to overhead service lines.

If you need to carry out work near your service line you can have the power disconnected temporarily for safety. This is a chargeable service provided by Network Tasman's contractor, Delta Utilities, on 03 543 8071.

You must have the electricity disconnected before you demolish or remove a building.



## Watch out for what's above

If you are transporting a boat or an item of plant or equipment be aware of the height of your load and its proximity to power lines.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) Road Code sets rules around transporting high loads that might interfere with overhead lines.

The Road Code requires that you consult with Network Tasman if you intend to carry a load higher than 4.25m. To get a high load permit or discuss whether you require a permit phone Network Tasman's contractor, Delta Utilities, on 03 543 8071. If the route is not clear for the required height, an escort or other measures may be required and charges may apply.

Always lower the mast when you are transporting a sailboat.



## Watch out for what's below

Many underground services are located in the area of land between property boundaries and the footpath or roadway, in public reserves, on private property and on right of ways. Buried cables can present a serious and potentially fatal hazard if damaged.



**Check for buried cables before you dig and before you drive stakes, fence posts or warratahs into the ground.**

Reference maps are available from Network Tasman but should be used as a guide only. There could be unrecorded cables or service main cables in the area where you wish to work.

**Worksafe NZ's Guide for Working Safely with Underground Services recommends the following safe digging practices:**

- ▶ Make use of a professional location service to locate any cables. Network Tasman does not provide cable location services. Cable location providers are noted at end of this brochure.
- ▶ Follow the recommendations made by the cable location contractor.
- ▶ Request a standover if excavating within one metre of a high voltage or fibre cable.
- ▶ Before commencing machine excavations, pot hole by hand until the cable is physically located.

You can arrange a stand over by phoning our contractor, Delta Utilities, on 03 543 8071. In most cases there is no cost to have our contractor stand over while you pot hole to locate a Network Tasman high voltage or fibre cable.



### IF YOU HIT A CABLE

Immediately phone Network Tasman faults on 0800 508 100 to report the incident, even if there appears to be no damage.

