



## Gliding, Hang Gliding, Microlight, Parachuting & Ballooning

- Where possible, clubs should display maps showing the location of lines and the emergency telephone numbers of the Electricity Companies.
- Navigate from a map, if practicable, on which all overhead lines have been marked. Find out from your local Electricity Company where these lines are in your area.
- Look out for and keep well away from lines. Remember lines, especially those on wood poles, are not easily seen from the air.
- Instruct club members in rescue and first aid procedure.
- Stay put, if you collide or become entangled with a line until help arrives.

If you see someone else carrying out an activity which could result in them coming in contact with an Overhead Line, point out the dangers.

- **Do not approach, nor let anyone else approach, damaged or grounded lines.**
- Telephone the Electricity Company immediately, giving the location of the accident as accurately as possible.
- **Await advice from the Electricity Company – remember that any line involved, if it is grounded, may still be 'live'.**

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The address and telephone numbers of the local offices of the Electricity Companies can be found in the telephone directory under "Electricity".



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# look up - look out - check out list

Each year there are a number of incidents across the country with people involved in activities such as:- camping, fishing, moving sailing dinghies, kite flying, para gliding, hand gliding, ballooning and microlights.

**Coming into contact with Overhead Power Lines was the cause for many of these incidents.**

Overhead electric lines carry voltages varying from 415 to 400,000 volts and are a common sight throughout the country. Coming into contact with an overhead line can cause serious burns and electric shocks which can be fatal. The following advice is designed to save life and prevent injury. Prior to setting up your campsite or activity you must consider a number of issues. Take just a moment to follow this checklist to ensure you enjoy your activity safely.

- **Check for Overhead Power Lines in the area where you are going to set up camp.**
- Overhead Power Lines are generally mounted on wooden poles but can also be mounted on steel pylons or concrete structures.
- **Treat all Overhead Lines as being bare and live.**
- All materials that are wet or damp, carbon fibre rods, poles and fishing line will all conduct electricity. You do not need to come into direct contact with the Overhead Power Lines electricity can jump over 2 metres.
- **Look out for signs which have been sited near Overhead Power Lines which point out the danger.**

## Camping, Fishing & Kite Flying



- **Never pitch your tent or mobile home directly under or close to an Overhead Power Line.**
- Beware when erecting aerials or Transmission Masts.
- **If you are flying remote controlled aircraft ensure there are no overhead lines in the vicinity. If the aircraft comes in contact with the conductor it could bring it down and cause injury.**
- **Never fly kites close to Overhead Power Lines, if a kite or line connects with an Overhead Power Line it will also conduct electricity.**
- **Ensure when you cast your fishing line that it cannot come in contact with an Overhead Power Line either from behind or in front of you.**
- **Think about casting, landing and rod or pole whip should the line break while landing a fish.**
- **Carry fishing rods parallel with the ground at as low a height as possible.**

