

Out of sight, keep in mind

Electricians and trades people are being reminded of the risks associated with electricity service cables as part of the Be Bright Stay Safe campaign by UK's biggest electricity distribution company, UK Power Networks.

You could be in danger when carrying out your everyday trade activities such as digging, drilling, construction and demolition and the campaign will remind trades people to contact UK Power Networks in advance of the works to obtain relevant cable plans or to request disconnections.

Emma Palmer, education and engagement advisor said:

"Electricity service cables can enter properties at roof height or underground and can be hidden or out of sight in cavity walls or behind cladding. A moment's loss of concentration can result in accidental contact with electricity, which can result in serious injury or death. Imagine the impact this would have on family and colleagues."

Emma gave some guidelines to follow to help keep everyone safe:

"You should treat all cables as live, so ensure cables plans are obtained, shown to and understood by those on site BEFORE starting work."

- Confirm the cable location by using a Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT)
 - Barriers and warning signs should be used to maintain safe clearances
- ALWAYS REMEMBER:**
- The cable plans will only show the indicative route and not the route into the property
 - The depth and location of cables and services on the plans may have changed because of subsequent site alterations
 - Not all cables and services may be shown on the plans
 - Cables do not run in straight lines. Cables in cavity walls do not always run vertically

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