

Fleet operators and drivers are being reminded of the risks associated with overhead electricity power lines, as part of a new Be Bright Stay Safe campaign by the UK's biggest electricity distribution company UK Power Networks.

Operators with tipper trucks, grab lorries, agricultural machinery and heavy or mobile plant vehicles are especially at risk and the campaign will remind drivers to check for overhead electricity power lines before starting work.



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Clorise Duporte, education and engagement advisor said: "A moment's loss of concentration can result in accidental contact with overhead power lines, which can result in serious injury or even death. Imagine the impact this would have on family and colleagues.

"You should treat all overhead lines as live, so set up your equipment with care to reduce the chance of contact and remember that overhead power lines are more difficult to see in dark or poor light conditions."

She gave some simple guidelines you can follow to help keep everyone safe while working at, and visiting sites:

- Identify the location of overhead power lines near your work and across entrances and exits. Remember, it's not enough just to avoid making contact with overhead power lines, as electricity can jump gaps in certain conditions
- Barriers and warning signs should be used to maintain safe clearances
- Don't assume lines on wooden poles are telephone wires – most overhead electricity wires are supported by wooden poles.
- Always warn visiting drivers of the presence of overhead power lines
- Avoid stacking and storing underneath power lines

National power cut helpline





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