

Stay Alert, Stay Away, Stay Alive

Safety Bulletin.

It's once again the time of year when we are sharing the fields with our agricultural partners. We would like to remind you of the hazards associated with farming around our industrial equipment and infrastructure.

Over the years we have had a number of incidents involving farming tools contacting a variety of our infrastructure such as:

- Pad Mount Transformers
- Guy wires on MET Towers
- Wind Turbine Towers
- Power Poles

For your own safety and the safety of your staff and family, we ask that:

- When farming the fields in which we have equipment, keep a 3 meter set back from all equipment and a 7 meter set back from overhead lines.
- Refrain from relying upon GPS navigation, and rather rely on your operators.
- Our Pad Mount Transformers have up to 35,000 Volts. Don't dig around or plant anything near pad-mounted transformers. You may come in contact with a buried cable while digging.
- Treat all cables or overhead lines as live—keep your distance. There's a 69 per cent probability of dying if you contact an energized power line. There's only a 10 per cent chance of dying if struck by lightning.
- If you hit a guy wire and break it, call the utility to fix it. Don't do it yourself. Pole guy wires are grounded to the neutral; but, when one of the guy wires is broken, it can cause an electric current disruption.

The overhead electric wires aren't the only electrical contact that can result in a serious incident. Our transformers and underground lines have the same hazardous energy as an overhead power line. When dealing with electrical poles and wires, always call the electric utility.



Did you know?

In the U.S an average of 64 agricultural workers are electrocuted and hundreds more injured in farm electrical accidents each year? Farm workers can avoid tragic accidents by taking note of farm activities that take place around power lines.