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WATCH OUT FOR POWER LINES

Every year in the UK there are cases of fishing equipment coming into contact or too close to overhead power lines causing horrific burn injuries or even death. Avoid fishing near power lines, remember wooden poles can carry voltages of up to 132,000 volts.

MAKE SURE YOUR NEXT CATCH ISN'T DEADLY

STAYING SAFE NEAR POWER LINES

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- Take a good look around you, behind you and above you.
- Carbon fibre conducts electricity - lethal electric currents can pass through almost all fishing rods and poles.
- Stay away from power lines and if necessary change your route to the water's edge.
- Don't confuse power lines with telephone wires – always treat any overhead cables as live electricity.
- Power lines can be more difficult to see at night and against a dark or light background, be more aware.
- Remember you don't need to make contact with power lines to receive an electric shock - electricity can jump gaps.
- Power lines on wooden poles carry voltages of up 132,000 volts.
- Unpack, set up and put away your rod or pole at the water's edge.
- Observe warning signs and instructions even in the car park or roadside.
- Put one of our free safety stickers on your tackle box and make sure you save 105 in your mobile so you know who to call in an emergency.
- Always report any contact, near miss or damage to power lines, however minor it seems, to Northern Powergrid and the fishery owner.

If in doubt - call 105 for free safety advice. We can provide warning and fishing exclusion zone signs for fishing waters in our operating area, for more information or to get our free safety tackle box stickers email **safety.information@northernpowergrid.com**

IN AN EMERGENCY...

1. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE FISHING EQUIPMENT OR PERSON**
   Ensure you do not make contact with the person or equipment if they are still in contact with, or close to, the overhead power lines. Maintain a five-metre clearance.
2. **LEAPING STRIDES**
   If the person is able to move away, without assistance, get them to take leaping strides, so that one foot is off the ground at all times.
3. **WARN OTHERS TO STAY AWAY**
   Keep the area clear and maintain a five-metre clearance. Call 105 immediately. If medical assistance is required contact the emergency services using 999.
4. **ELECTRICITY LINES CAN REMAIN LIVE**
   Power lines which have been damaged can stay live or automatically become live again, at any time, without warning.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit **northernpowergrid.com/look-up-its-live** for information about safety clearances.

Additional information can also be found on the Energy Networks Association website **energynetworks.org/electricity** and on the Health and Safety Executive website **hse.gov.uk/electricity**.

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