

LOOK UP IT'S LIVE!

 **NORTHERN
POWERGRID**



WATCH OUT FOR POWER LINES

Every year in the UK drivers of agricultural equipment are killed and many more are seriously injured when their vehicle or plant comes into contact or too close to overhead power lines. Anyone driving agricultural vehicles or operating plant near overhead power lines should be extra vigilant of power lines which can carry voltages of up to 132,000 volts.

**STAY SAFE
STAY INSIDE
CALL 105
IF FIRE
JUMP CLEAR**

STAYING SAFE NEAR POWER LINES



- Make sure anyone working near power lines is aware of the dangers and the action they should take in an emergency.
- You don't need to make contact with a power line to be in danger, electricity can jump or "ARC" to any object (including people).
- Never try to disentangle or return to equipment until staff from the distribution network operator have confirmed that it is safe to do so.
- Be aware that ground levels may have changed since your last visit and clearance may not be enough, risk assess each situation and on each occasion.
- Carry a mobile phone at all times and store 105, the number to call in an emergency.
- Remind others to stay clear. Power lines which have been damaged can stay live or automatically become live again at any time, without warning.
- Always report any contact or damage to equipment, however minor it seems.

If in doubt - call 105 for free safety advice or for non-urgent enquiries and to get our free in-cab safety stickers email safety.information@northernpowergrid.com

MORE INFORMATION

Detailed safety advice about working near power lines and safety clearances can be found on Northern Powergrid's website northernpowergrid.com/look-up-its-live

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



IF YOU COME TOO CLOSE OR HIT POWER LINES YOU SHOULD

1. DRIVE WELL CLEAR

If safe to do so drive clear and call 105.

2. NOT SAFE TO DRIVE CLEAR

Stay in the cab - call 105 - warn others to stay away.

3. NOT SAFE TO STAY IN CAB - JUMP WELL CLEAR

ensuring you do not make contact with the ground and the vehicle at the same time - **DO NOT STEP DOWN.**

4. LEAPING STRIDES

Try to land with both feet together and continue to jump clear making leaping strides, so that one foot is off the ground at all times.

5. WARN OTHERS

Warn others to stay clear, report the incident immediately, always assume power lines are live - call 105.



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