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Public Safety Advice from ESB Networks

Never take risks with electricity

People can be seriously injured or killed by coming too close to overhead electricity power lines or digging near buried electricity cables. Make sure you know the potential dangers and keep a safe distance away.

In the home make sure your own electrical wiring is in good shape. Check that your safety trip-switch – called a Residual Current Device (RCD) - works by pushing the test button.

Check that there are no damaged plug tops or frayed wires. If in any doubt, get in touch with a registered electrical contractor.

When doing outdoor work around the house make sure that you first check that there are no electricity wires close-by. When you are using electrical tools and equipment outdoors make sure the equipment is suitable for outdoor conditions and plug them into a portable RCD device for extra safety.

Safety Tips when outdoors – Always watch out for overhead electricity wires and cables:

1. Always look up and watch out for overhead electricity wires.
2. Fallen electricity wires are live and extremely dangerous. Never approach or touch.
3. Never use ESB Poles or wires to attach things to.
4. Do not carry out any work near overhead wires or poles.
5. Never climb an electricity pole or pylon or even a tree that is near an electricity power line.
6. Do not allow anything that you are holding to come near to an overhead line.
7. Do not attempt to touch any objects which have become entangled in overhead wires.
8. Never fly drones, kites or toy planes near overhead lines. Move away to a safer place.
9. Never put bouncy castles or tents near overhead wires or poles.
10. Before you go fishing or sailing check that there are no electricity lines nearby.



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Electricity Sub-Stations and Ground-mounted Boxes

Electricity sub-stations contain high voltage equipment.



The yellow triangle Electricity WARNING sign on the outside means KEEP AWAY.

- Never enter disused, derelict buildings or abandoned sites as electricity hazards may be present.
- Never sit on or interfere with ESB metal boxes or poke anything into them.

Electrical Safety Tips for the Home:

1. Check for frayed wires, loose connections, damaged or cracked plugs and replace immediately.
2. For extra safety, always switch off and unplug appliances and other items when not in use.
3. Always unwind extension leads fully to avoid overheating and don't overload sockets with adaptors or extension blocks.
4. Test your RCD (residual current device) twice yearly by pushing the Test Button.
5. Always use a registered electrical contractor to carry out electrical work.
6. Test your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms to ensure they are working.

In the event of a dangerous situation, contact:

ESB Networks 24/7 EMERGENCY NUMBER

1800 372 999

Or 021 238 2410